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Freemasons. New York. Grand Lodge.
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TRANSACTIONS
OF THE
GRAND LODGE
OF
Free and Accepted Masons
OF THE
STATE OF NEW YORK,



At its One Hundred and Fourth Annual Communication, Commencing June 2, A. L. 5885.

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3. Albany, Columbia, Greene, Rensselaer, Schoharie, Sullivan, and Ulster Counties.	" JOHN L. GODLEY, <i>Albany.</i>
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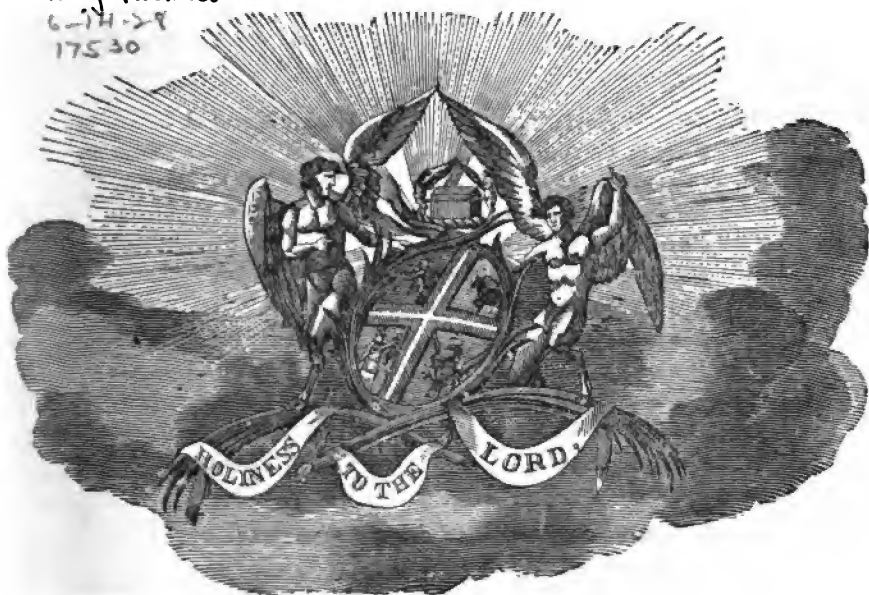
R.: W.: EDWARD L. GAUL.....Hudson.....	For 3 years.
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" " WILLIAM SHERER.....Brooklyn.....	For 2 years.
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R.: W.: RALPH E. PRIME.....Yonkers.....	For 1 year.

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R.: W.: WILLIAM D. NICHOLS.....New York.....	For 3 years.
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ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

GRAND LODGE-ROOM, MASONIC HALL, }
Twenty-third Street and Sixth Avenue.

TUESDAY, June 2d, 10 o'clock A. M., A. L. 5885.

THE One Hundred and Fourth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York, was opened in the Grand Lodge-room, City of New York, on the morning of June 2d, A. L. 5885.

PRESENT.

M. W.	WILLIAM A. BRODIE,	-	-	Grand Master.
R. W.	FRANK R. LAWRENCE,	-	-	Deputy Grand Master.
"	JOHN W. VROOMAN,	-	-	Senior Grand Warden.
"	JAMES TEN EYCK,	-	-	Junior Grand Warden.
"	JOHN BOYD,	-	-	Grand Treasurer.
"	EDWARD M. L. EHLERS,	-	-	Grand Secretary.
"	JOHN G. WEBSTER,	}	- -	Grand Chaplains.
"	CHARLES W. CAMP,			
"	W. D. ORVILLE DOTY,			

R.: W.:	JOHN R. SCHLICK,	- -	Grand Marshal.
"	JOHN C. GRAVES,	- -	Grand Standard Bearer.
"	CHARLES A. MINTON,	- -	Grand Sword Bearer.
"	RODERICK CAMPBELL,	-	} Grand Stewards.
"	CHARLES L. PICKETT,	-	
"	HENRY C. LATHROP,	- -	
"	CHARLES E. LANSING,	-	
"	JAMES D. CARSON,	- -	Senior Grand Deacon.
"	WILLIAM E. A. FAICHNEY,	-	Junior Grand Deacon.
"	GEORGE H. RAYMOND,	- -	Grand Lecturer.
"	HERMAN G. CARTER,	-	Grand Librarian.
"	GEORGE SKINNER,	- -	Grand Pursuivant.
"	JOHN HOOLE,	- - -	Grand Tiler.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

No. 1,	R.: W.:	ELBRIDGE G. HOWARD.
No. 2,	"	CHARLES W. CARPENTER.
No. 3,	"	RUFUS T. GRIGGS (acting).
No. 4,	"	JOHN STEWART.
No. 5,	"	EPHRAIM W. RICHARDSON.
No. 6,	"	EDWARD F. HASSEY.
No. 7,	"	THEODORE H. TILTON.
No. 8,	"	JOHN K. REED.
No. 9,	"	WM. MORGAN LEE.
No. 10,	"	OSCAR L. EASTMAN.
No. 11,	"	LEONARD B. CORNELL.
No. 12,	"	SAMUEL G. ROWLES.
No. 13,	"	JOHN W. WHITEHEAD.
No. 14,	"	LEE S. ANIBAL.
No. 15,	"	EMERSON I. LORD.
No. 16,	"	BYRON J. STROUGH.
No. 17,	"	WALTER H. STEWART.
No. 18,	"	ISAAC W. BAKER.
No. 19,	"	HENRY T. DANA.
No. 20,	"	GEORGE B. DAVIS.
No. 21,	"	FRED. D. VANDERHOOF.
No. 22,	"	JOHN A. DAVIS.
No. 23,	W.:	DANIEL F. CRIDLER (acting).
No. 24,	R.: W.:	JOHN HODGE.
No. 25,	"	ALBERT JONES.
No. 26,	"	LAURENS G. RISLEY.
No. 27,	"	LEONARD W. JEWELL.

Lodges working in German in the
City of New York, and in Kings
and Richmond Counties - - R. W.: GUSTAVE DETTLOFF.

Lodges working in French, Span-
ish, or Italian in the Cities of
New York and Brooklyn - - R. W.: GEORGE F. HEIDET.

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And the following Past Grand Officers :

M. W.:	JOSEPH D. EVANS,	-	-	-	-	-	P. G. M.
"	JOHN L. LEWIS,	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	ISAAC PHILLIPS,	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	JOHN W. SIMONS,	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	CLINTON F. PAIGE,	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	ELLWOOD E. THORNE,	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	JAMES W. HUSTED,	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	JOSEPH J. COUCH,	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	EDMUND L. JUDSON,	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	CHARLES ROOME,	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	JESSE B. ANTHONY,	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	BENJAMIN FLAGLER,	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	J. EDWARD SIMMONS,	-	-	-	-	-	"
R. W.:	ROBERT MACOY,	-	-	-	-	-	P. D. G. M.
"	DANIEL SICKELS,	-	-	-	-	-	P. J. G. W.
"	JOHN R. ANDERSON,	-	-	-	-	-	"
"	JOHN D. WILLIAMS,	-	-	-	-	-	"

Past Masters prior to 1849 :

R. W. ADOLPHUS ANDREAS, York Lodge, No. 197.

" JOHN TENNANT, Washington Lodge, No. No. 21.

And the Representatives of the following Grand Lodges :

Alabama.....	R. W. DANIEL T. WALDEN.
Arizona.....	" MILLARD VAN BLARICOM.
Arkansas.....	" WILLIAM T. WOODRUFF.
British Columbia.....	" JOHN PHILLIPS.
California.....	M. W. CHARLES ROOME.
Canada.....	R. W. SYDNEY F. WALKER.
Colon and Cuba.....	" ANTONIO GONZALEZ.
Colorado.....	" GEORGE H. RAYMOND.
Connecticut.....	M. W. JOSEPH D. EVANS.
Dakota.....	R. W. FREDERICK H. WIGHT.
Delaware.....	" WILLIAM PETERKIN.
Eclectic Union.....	" CHARLES SACKREUTER.
England.....	" ALBERT S. GOODALL.
Florida.....	M. W. JOHN L. LEWIS.
Georgia.....	R. W. JOHN P. ROBERTS.
Idaho.....	" ISAAC B. CONOVER.
Illinois.....	" JAMES E. MORRISON.
Indiana.....	" JOSEPH SHORT, JR.
Indian Territory.....	" ALFRED B. PRICE.
Kansas.....	" STEPHEN M. WRIGHT.
Kentucky.....	M. W. JOHN L. LEWIS.
Louisiana.....	" JOHN W. SIMONS.
Maine.....	" JOSEPH D. EVANS.
Manitoba.....	R. W. SAMUEL JONES.
Maryland.....	M. W. JOSEPH J. COUCH.
Michigan.....	R. W. JOHN L. RIED.
Minnesota.....	M. W. ELLWOOD E. THORNE.
Mississippi.....	R. W. JOHN HODGE.
Missouri.....	" WALTER P. MONTAGUE.
Montana.....	" GEORGE VAN VLIET.
Nebraska.....	" ROBERT M. C. GRAHAM.
Nevada.....	" ROBERT BONYNGE.
New Brunswick.....	M. W. EDMUND L. JUDSON.
New Hampshire.....	R. W. ROYAL E. DEANE.
New Jersey.....	M. W. CLINTON F. PAIGE.
New Mexico.....	R. W. L. BRADFORD PRINCE.
North Carolina.....	M. W. ELLWOOD E. THORNE.
Nova Scotia.....	R. W. LOUIS J. BELLONI, JR.
Ohio.....	M. W. ELLWOOD E. THORNE.
Oregon.....	R. W. RALPH E. PRIME.
Peru.....	" GENARO FERNANDEZ.
Prince Edward Island.....	" PETER M. W. VERHOEVEN.
Quebec.....	" DANIEL W. TALCOTT.
Rhode Island.....	" CHARLES K. HYDE.
Saxony.....	" CHARLES F. L. HOHENTHAL.

Scotland.....	M.: W.: JAMES GIBSON.
South Carolina.....	" JOHN W. SIMONS.
Tennessee.....	" JOHN L. LEWIS.
Texas.....	B.: W.: HENRY C. BANKS.
Utah.....	" FRANK A. KIRTLAND.
Vermont.....	" RICHARD GURNEY.
Virginia.....	" WASHINGTON E. CONNOR.
Washington Territory.....	" CHARLES W. BROWN.
West Virginia.....	" LAWRENCE WELLS.
Wisconsin.....	" ZACHARIAH DEDERICK.
Wyoming Territory.....	" MORTIMER C. ADDOMS.

A constitutional number of lodges being present—

The Grand Lodge was opened in **Ample Form** and with prayer by R.: W.: W. D. ORVILLE DOTY, Grand Chaplain, and music by St. Cecile Lodge, No. 568.

On motion of M.: W.: ISAAC PHILLIPS, all Master Masons in regular standing were permitted to be present during this session of the Grand Lodge, except at such time as prohibited by the Constitution.

On motion of R.: W.: EDWARD H. WARKER, R.: W.: WILLIAM N. PENNEY, Bros. RUFUS L. WILDER, M. R. CLARK, FRANK W. NORCROSS, and MAURICE M. MINTON were appointed official reporters without compensation.

R.: W.: RUFUS T. GRIGGS and W.: DANIEL F. CRIDLER were appointed D.D.G.M.s for this session of Grand Lodge of the Third and Twenty-third Districts respectively.

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER.

BRETHREN :

MEETING in the One Hundred and Fourth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York under the favorable circumstances in which we do, it is not only fitting but a duty, that we recognize the Great Architect of the Universe, as has just been done, as the author and source of all our blessings. The year has not been without its griefs, its sorrows, its trials, its calamities, but on the whole it has been one of blessing—"blessed in city and in field, blessed in basket and in store, blessed in our coming in and in our going out," and in my greetings to you

thankfulness and congratulations unite. That as a Grand Lodge we have reached an age which, if not venerable is at least honorable, is of itself a matter for congratulation ; I congratulate you also that we meet in our own home, in this building which has recovered from the effects of the fire and has been beautified and adorned so tastefully ; I congratulate you upon the peace and harmony that exists within our own borders and between this and other Grand Lodges ; and I congratulate you that the fraternity in this jurisdiction, the United States and the world at large is not in its decadence, but that it occupies a higher position in the world than ever before, and notwithstanding the fulminations of Papal bigotry or the criticism of pharisaical zealots just so long as its grand principles of Brotherly-love, Relief, and Truth prevail among us, will the Masonic fraternity command the world's respect, and maintain its rightful place as the grandest human institution in existence.

THE FRATERNAL DEAD.

It is fitting that from these fraternal greetings and congratulations, we turn aside for a few moments before entering upon the active business of the session or the consideration of the practical matters claiming our attention, in remembrance of those who have during the past year closed their labors here below to enter upon the higher life.

R. W. CHARLES S. ARTHUR departed this life on the 3d day of July, 1884, at his residence on West 126th Street in this city.

He was made a mason in Sagamore Lodge, No. 371, of which he became Master, and subsequently affiliating with Independent Royal Arch Lodge, No. 2, was called to the Mastership thereof. In 1878 he was appointed Deputy Grand Master of the Fourth Masonic District, in 1879 elected Grand Treasurer, in 1883 appointed Grand Marshal, and at the time of his death was Junior Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge. He was also representative of the Grand Lodge of Virginia near this Grand Body. In the death of this brother the fraternity has lost one who will be long missed for he was a noble man, a faithful brother, a true mason, and to an unusual degree possessed the love of the members of this Grand Lodge. To others in this assembly beside your

Grand Master, it will be long ere the remembrance of our deceased friend and brother fails to summon the tear of genuine grief.

R. W.: JOHN COLLIER, Past Deputy Grand Master of the Twenty-fourth Masonic District, passed from this life at his home in Lockport July 24, 1884. Bro. COLLIER was widely known and highly respected as was evinced by the very large attendance at his funeral, the ceremonies of which were under the charge of Red Jacket Lodge, No. 646, of which he was an honored member and Past Master.

R. W.: ISAIAH RYNDERS, Past Senior Grand Deacon of this Grand Lodge, died January 12, 1885, aged eighty years. He had been a member of Lodge of Strict Observance, No. 94, for fifty-seven years. Bro. RYNDERS though of stern and sometimes rough exterior had a tender heart, and was ever ready to respond to the call of distress and withal was inflexibly just. Though I had not the pleasure of the acquaintance of the brother, I shall never forget when in 1866, as Junior Warden of my own Lodge, and an unknown member of this Grand Lodge, upon the presentation of a resolution providing for the return to that Lodge of its dues because of loss by fire, and some brother moved that it be referred to the Committee on Charity, how Bro. RYNDERS arose and said, "Such a reference is an insult to a daughter of this Grand Lodge, I move its reference to the Committee on Finance." I here record my thanks for that act which was prompted by a love for justice and a feeling of sympathy for the weak.

R. W.: JOHN A. LOCKWOOD, Past District Grand Master of the Twenty-fifth Masonic District, and Past Master of Queen City Lodge, No. 358, died very suddenly at his home in Buffalo on the 21st day of February, at the age of sixty-three years, and was buried with masonic ceremonies at Forest Lawn Cemetery in that city, on the 24th. Bro. Lockwood was made a mason in 1856, and from that time until his death he was an active one. His connection with masonry is too well known to call for special mention here, and I will only add that the following words of an old friend of our deceased brother, applied to him, are absolutely true—"He was a genial, happy man, square as an angle of ninety degrees, just, true, and upright as the Lord ever made a man, and to be his friend was an honor the highest might crave."

W.: Bro. JOHN BARRETT, a life member of the Grand Lodge, and Past Master prior to 1849, died at his home in Clifton Springs, March 17, 1885, and was buried with masonic ceremonies March 20th. Our deceased brother was made a mason in Dansville, this State, sixty years ago; subsequently he affiliated with Warren Lodge, No. 147, of which he was a Master for several years, and at the time of his death was a member of Salem Town Lodge, No. 326. Bro. BARRETT, until compelled by advancing years to desist, was very active in masonic affairs, and was highly esteemed by his brethren.

R.: W.: JACOB TARTTER departed this life, after a severe illness of several years duration, on the 29th of March last, in the seventy-second year of his age. He was made a mason in L'Union Française Lodge, No. 17, in 1851, and founded La Sincérité Lodge, No. 373, in 1853, of which he became the first elected Master, serving as such for fourteen years. In 1873 he was appointed District Deputy Grand Master of the Latin District. He was an enthusiastic mason, taking a deep interest in blue lodge matters, and dearly beloved by the members of his lodge and by all those who knew him.

W.: WM. J. SURRE, a life member of the Grand Lodge, and Past Master prior to 1849, entered into rest on the 2d day of April, 1885, at the ripe age of eighty-three years, and was interred with masonic ceremonies April 5th. He was Master of Benevolent Lodge, No. 28, in 1842, and subsequently served the lodge as Secretary for thirty-three years consecutively. He remained in active membership until his death, and had been a mason sixty-one years.

Too late for more than the mere announcement, I learned of the decease of R.: W.: J. WALLACE MACWHINNIE, who died in Petaluma, California, May 4, 1885, in the forty-fifth year of his age. He was a Past Master of Montgomery Lodge, No. 68, and Deputy District Grand Master of the Fourth Masonic District from June, 1879, to June, 1880.

This grand jurisdiction has also suffered the loss of several brothers distinguished for their zeal and ability in masonic affairs, and well known to the fraternity whose names though not here

recorded because never having held official positions in the Grand Lodge, yet have their virtues engraven on our hearts and in our memories.

Sister Grand Lodges have been bereaved during the year as follows :

M. W.: ISAAC B. SHARP, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kansas, died at his home June 21, 1884, in the forty-ninth year of his age. He served his brethren in every station to which he was called with ability, and merited what he universally received—the approval of his brethren.

M. W.: JOSEPH TRIMBLE, Past Grand Master of New Jersey, passed into the Celestial Lodge above June 30, 1884. He was not unknown in the Grand Lodge of New York, nor will his virtues be forgotten, for he was a frequent and welcome visitor at our annual communications. He was present and received with the customary honors one year ago.

M. W.: FREDERICK ALBERT WENGLER, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Saxony, departed this life July 1, 1884. Our deceased M. W. brother was self-sacrificing in his devotion to the interests of the fraternity, comprehensive in his ability and well beloved by his brethren. The heartfelt and sincere sympathy of the Grand Lodge of New York was conveyed to the Grand Lodge of Saxony by the Grand Master in a communication dated July 27, 1884, transmitted through R. W. C. F. L. HOHENTHAL, Representative of that Grand Body near the Grand Lodge of New York.

M. W.: HENRY WILLIAM MURRAY, Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, passed away August 15, 1884, in the fifty-eighth year of his age, “in peace with his God and in charity with all men.” In all the relations of life he was an example to his fellow men.

M. W.: GROVER B. COOLEY, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, died at Minneapolis on the 20th day of August last. Bro. COOLEY was born in Attica, this State, December 10, 1827, and removed to Minneapolis some years since. He was a faithful and earnest mason, and served the craft long and well.

M. W.: ELBERT H. ENGLISH, Past Grand Master of Masons in

Arkansas, died September 1, 1884, at the age of sixty-nine years—ripe in masonic knowledge, blameless in life, and full of honors and years, he has gone to his reward.

On the 3d day of May, 1885, M.: W.: WM. NASSAU KENNEDY, Past Grand Master of Manitoba, died in London, England, in the forty-seventh year of his age, on his way home from Egypt, whither he had gone to serve under his country's flag. He was buried in the City of London with distinguished honors.

Too late for the address of the M.: W.: Grand Master, one year ago, came the notice of the decease of M.: W.: JAMES M. HOWRY on the 15th day of April, 1884, and M.: W.: WILLIAM FRENCH on the 28th day of the same month, Past Grand Masters of Masons in Mississippi. These brothers were alike distinguished for their masonic zeal and fidelity, and were equally admired and loved by the craft.

To these sister jurisdictions we extend our condolence and fraternal sympathy, and with them rest in the assurance that it was the will of Him "who doeth all things well."

DISPENSATIONS.

June 17, 1884, a dispensation was issued to R.: W.: FRANK R. LAWRENCE, Deputy Grand Master, to lay the corner-stone of a new building for Schenevus Valley Lodge, No. 592. A goodly number of Grand Lodge officers and brethren accompanied the R.: W.: brother to Schenevus on the 24th day of June, the stone was duly laid, an interesting and instructive address delivered by the Deputy Grand Master, and the universal verdict was that the ceremony was to the substantial benefit of the fraternity.

August 18, 1884—To Afton Lodge, No. 360, to meet in such room as may be obtained, until room of said lodge destroyed by fire is rebuilt.

August 25, 1884—To What Cheer Lodge, No. 689, to continue work in such room as may be obtained, until their room destroyed by fire is rebuilt, and duplicate warrant granted.

November 12, 1884—To R.: W.: FRANK R. LAWRENCE, Deputy Grand Master, to dedicate new room of Wamponamon Lodge, No. 437, at Sag Harbor, on the 20th day of November following.

December 1, 1884—To R. W. EMERSON I. LORD, Deputy Grand Master Fifteenth Masonic District, to dedicate new rooms of Oswegatchie Lodge, No. 687, at Fine, on the following day.

To the following lodges to elect officers :

Westbrook Lodge, No. 333.
 Arcana Lodge, No. 246.
 Acanthus Lodge, No. 719.
 Sylvan Lodge, No. 303.
 Fort Plain Lodge, No. 433.
 Webster Lodge, No. 538.
 Solomon's Lodge, 196.
 Baron Steuben Lodge, No. 264.

To elect and install officers :

Fayette Lodge, No. 539.
 Master of Zschokke Lodge, No. 202.
 Senior Warden White Plains Lodge, No. 473.

To install officers :

Aurora Lodge, No. 383.
 Ashlar Lodge, No. 584.
 Hudson River Lodge, No. 607.
 Sisco Lodge, No. 259.
 Henry Renner Lodge, No. 780.

To install Masters :

Roman Lodge, No. 223.
 Orient Lodge, No. 238.

To install Wardens :

Senior and Junior Wardens Phoenix Lodge, No. 58.
 Junior Warden Remsen Lodge, No. 677.
 Senior Warden Milnor Lodge, No. 139.
 Junior Warden Canandaigua Lodge, No. 294.
 Senior Warden Genoa Lodge, No. 421.
 Senior Warden Windsor Lodge, No. 442.

March 2, 1885—To Mount Horeb Lodge, No. 707, to continue work in some suitable room, the lodge-room and warrant having been destroyed by fire February 25, 1885.

April 16, 1885—To St. Nicholas Lodge, No. 321, to meet in Masonic Temple, West 23d Street, until their rooms in the Grand Opera House are made masonically secure.

April 17, 1885—To Corinthian Lodge, No. 488, as in the case of St. Nicholas Lodge, No. 321.

NEW LODGES.

Five applications have been received for dispensations to form new lodges, besides several inquiries as to the necessary steps to be taken to secure dispensations. In each of the last named cases I was able to dissuade the brethren from making such application. While entirely in harmony with the expressions of my immediate predecessor as to the increase of lodges, I have issued two dispensations for the formation of new lodges, believing after careful investigation, that the interest of the craft called for such action in these cases.

September 26, 1884, a dispensation was issued to R. H. McINTYRE, W. S. HOUGH, C. J. STICKNEY, and others, to form a new lodge at Bloomingdale, Essex Co., to be known as "White Face Mountain Lodge."

October 6, 1884—To WM. GILLISPIE, GEO. A. EVEREST, N. B. SLATER, and others, to form a new lodge at Ausable Forks, Clinton, Co., to be known as "Tahawus Lodge."

APPOINTMENTS.

June 14, 1884—R.: W.: FORREST W. BROWN, of Charlestown, Representative of this Grand Body near the Grand Lodge of West Virginia.

July 12, 1884—R.: W.: GUSTAV DETTLOFF, District Deputy Grand Master of the German District, vice R.: W.: ALFRED ERBE, resigned.

July 12, 1884—R.: W.: W. E. A. FAICHNEY, Junior Grand Deacon, vice R.: W.: CHARLES S. ARTHUR, deceased.

November 14, 1884—R.: W.: ANTHON NEHR, Representative of this Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of Zur Eintracht, Darmstadt.

ACCREDITED.

July 17, 1884—R. W. WASHINGTON E. CONNER, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Virginia near this Grand Lodge.

August 5, 1884—GENARO FERNANDEZ, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Peru near this Grand Lodge.

September 24, 1884—R. W. WILLIAM PETERKIN, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Delaware near this Grand Lodge.

CEREMONIALS.

On the fifth day of August, 1884, in reponse to the invitation of the American Committee of the Statue of "Liberty," the Grand Master, assisted by his associate Grand Lodge officers, laid the corner-stone of the Pedestal of the Bartholdi Statue of "Liberty Enlightening the World" on Bedloe's Island in New York harbor with the impressive ceremonies peculiar to the masonic fraternity. Notwithstanding the unfavorable weather, the rain falling in torrents during the time occupied for the ceremonies, no part of them were omitted or slighted, and the large number present to witness them remained throughout.

A short address by the Grand Master, was followed by an exceedingly able masonic address by the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, who in turn was followed by Monsieur ALBERT LEFAIVRE, Minister Plenipotentiary in charge of the Consulate of France in New York, and WILLIAM ALLEN BUTLER on behalf of the American Committee. The occasion was one never to be forgotten by those who participated in the ceremonies. The erection of this statue is a work grand in its conception, its significance, its execution and its surroundings, and that our part therein be made of proper historic record, I have caused the ceremonies, the addresses of the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master and Monsieur ALBERT LEFAIVRE, to be printed as an appendix to this address, that it may form a part of the records of the Grand Lodge. The massive solid silver trowel with which the Grand Master spread the cement to unite the corner-stone to the foundation, handsomely inscribed, was presented to him accompanied with the following letter :

Office of the
AMERICAN COMMITTEE OF THE STATUE OF LIBERTY,
New York, August 25, 1884.

M^r. W^m. WILLIAM A. BRODIE, Esq.,
Grand Master of the Grand Lodge F. & A. M. State of New York.

Dear Sir :

The Executive Committee of the American Committee of the Statue of "Liberty Enlightening the World" beg you, and through you the great Fraternity you represent, to accept their sincere thanks for the distinguished service rendered by yourself and the Grand Lodge of the State of New York in laying the corner-stone of the Pedestal with the impressive ceremonial of the Order, on the 5th of the present month.

The Committee also requests you to accept, for the Grand Lodge, which you so worthily represent, the *trowel* accompanying this letter as a mark of their esteem and respect, and as a memento of that interesting occurrence—the laying of the corner-stone of an enduring monument raised to represent a great living idea as well as the friendship and sympathy of one great people for another.

We remain, Dear Sir,

Your friends and fellow citizens,

Of the General Committee :

WILLIAM M. EVARTS, *President*.
RICHARD BUTLER, *Secretary*.
HENRY F. SPAULDING, *Treasurer*.

The Executive Committee :

J. W. DREXEL, *Chairman*.
PARKE GODWIN.
J. W. PINCHOT.
V. MUMFORD MOORE.
FREDERICK N. POTTS.

At the invitation of the authorities of the village of Ithaca I laid with the ceremonies of the craft, the corner-stone of a High School Building in that place on the 2d day of September, 1884. The day was perfect and the occasion one in which judging from the attendance, every one seemed to be interested. The Masonic fraternity of Ithaca and the surrounding country was out in large numbers, and one very pleasing feature worthy of special note, was the marching in the procession of over a thousand school children. Addresses were delivered by the Grand Master, Colonel GEORGE SOULE of New Orleans and President ANDREW D. WHITE of Cornell University. A handsome silver trowel suitably engraved was presented to the Grand Master by the Board of Education and is cherished as a memento of a very pleasant event in his official life.

On the 29th day of September, 1884, at the request of the State Authorities, the Grand Master with the assistance of several of his associate Grand Lodge officers and the fraternity of Buffalo laid the corner-stone of the Drill Room Annex, to the State

Arsenal at that city. The day was all that could be desired and the procession was large, including each of the lodges of the city of Buffalo, and the 65th Regiment N. G. S. N. Y., which acted as escort to the fraternity. Addresses were made by the Grand Master and General Wm. F. ROGERS.

On the 31st day of July, 1884, accompanied by the District Deputy Grand Master of the Twenty-fifth Masonic District, the Grand Standard Bearer and about sixty brethren from the Buffalo city lodges, the Grand Master visited North Collins, Erie county, and dedicated the new hall of Fortune Lodge, No. 788.

The new room of Phoenix Lodge, No. 262, at Gowanda, was dedicated by the Grand Master on the evening of December 4th, 1884. On this occasion he was accompanied by the Grand Marshal and a large number of brethren from Buffalo and North Collins. The District Deputy Grand Master of the Twenty-sixth District was also present and assisted in the ceremonies, which were witnessed by fully two hundred and fifty brethren.

On the 21st day of February, 1885, on the invitation of the M.: W.: Grand Master of Masons in the District of Columbia, the Grand Master with several associate Grand Lodge officers and St. John's Lodge, No. 1, participated in the ceremonies of the dedication of the Washington Monument at the city of Washington, an event of much interest. The ceremonies were conducted in a manner worthy of the occasion and of the distinguished patriot and brother in whose memory this monument was erected.

In this connection, I feel that reference should be made to a ceremony not Masonic in its character, but so connected with the fraternity as to warrant a place in this address—the crowning of M.: W.: ROBERT MORRIS, LL. D., Past Grand Master of Kentucky, as Poet Laureate of Freemasonry, at Masonic Hall, in this city, on the evening of December 17, 1884. It was participated in by distinguished Masons from many Grand Jurisdictions and received the approval of leading Masonic lights in nearly, if not all the Grand Lodges on this continent.

VISITATIONS.

During the year I have given much time to visitations and several of these have been occasions ever to be remembered.

On the evening of November 24, 1884, accompanied by my associate Grand Lodge officers, and many distinguished brethren, the lodges working in the German tongue were visited at the German Masonic Temple in this city, and the reception tendered the Grand Master will ever be held in grateful remembrance by him. None present on that occasion were left in any doubt as to the loyalty of our German speaking brethren, either to the Grand Lodge or the principles of Freemasonry.

On the following evening the Second and Third Masonic Districts were visited jointly, at the rooms of Commonwealth Lodge, No. 409, in the city of Brooklyn, and the next evening the New York City Districts, including the Latin District, at Doric Room in this building. Both of these occasions were of the most pleasurable kind, never to be forgotten by the Grand Master, and I believe were of real benefit to the fraternity in the Metropolitan Districts.

On January 19, 1885, St. John's Lodge, No. 1, was visited, and the reception given to the Grand Master on that occasion, was as gratifying to him as it was cordial and fraternal on the part of the brethren.

April 20, 1885, a semi-official visit was made to the brethren of Albany, at a regular communication of Mount Vernon Lodge, No. 3, and on May 4th to the Utica brethren, in Faxon Lodge, No. 697.

Besides these visitations I have responded to calls in various portions of this great jurisdiction, in many cases installing officers and performing duties onerous, but in almost every instance pleasant.

It was my intention to visit all of the conventions held by the Grand Lecturer in the western portion of the State, but owing to the numerous calls made by lodges, I was able to attend but one,—that of the Twenty-third District held at Hornellsville.

MISCELLANEOUS.

During the last communication of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Master was requested to visit the city of New York in the near future, to participate in the presentation to the family of our

late deceased Grand Secretary, JAMES AUSTIN, M. D., of a burial plot and a monument erected thereon by the Veteran Masonic Association. Being unable to attend, R. W. FRANK R. LAWRENCE, Deputy Grand Master, received from the said association the burial plot in Woodlawn Cemetery, where our deceased brother's remains rest, with the monument thereon erected to his memory, and presented them to the family of Dr. AUSTIN, July 17, 1884.

Near the end of August, 1884, a request was received from a brother in which I was asked to "convene a meeting to take action in relation to the centenary anniversary of the birth of our noble and world-renowned brother SIR MOSES MONTEFIORE, and to ask all the lodges in the State to join and make it a national event," to which of course I could not respond, but the well-known character of the brother named, and the numerous deeds of philanthropy which have ennobled his long life, warranted some recognition, and I therefore addressed to him the following congratulatory letter:

OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER,
GENESE, September 8, 1884.

SIR MOSES MONTEFIORE,
Ramsgate, England.

Venerable Sir and Dear Brother :

As the centennial of your birth-day approaches, I desire, though of a different creed, yet striving to serve the same "God of Israel," and recognizing in you one whose life has evinced belief in the fatherhood of God and brotherhood of man—a creed, if I may so call it, broad and comprehensive—to extend to you, on my own behalf, and also as the representative of the Masonic fraternity of this great commonwealth, hearty congratulations on attaining an age so patriarchal, and we pray that the "God of Israel" may spare you to celebrate that centennial, and many happy years of usefulness. And my dear brother, I would to God that my own life and the lives of my brethren of the great fraternity to which we belong, might be governed by the same noble and self-sacrificing spirit of philanthropy that has given such lustre to your own. That

"The Lord bless thee, and keep thee ; the Lord make his face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee ; the Lord lift up his countenance upon thee and give thee peace," is the heartfelt wish of

Yours sincerely and fraternally,

WM. A. BRODIE,

Grand Master of Masons in New York.

In the early autumn of 1884 a great portion of the village of Carthage was destroyed by fire entailing great suffering on the

part of the inhabitants. Among the sufferers were twenty-eight brethren, members of Carthage Lodge, No. 158, who with their families were rendered homeless. A circular letter was issued to all lodges in this jurisdiction inviting immediate donations for the relief of those of our own household. Responses were prompt and liberal and upwards of four thousand dollars was the result. Your attention is called to the statement of the Grand Secretary, which appears as an appendix to this address, for a detailed account of the donations and disposition thereof.

GRAND LODGE LEGISLATION.

The Grand Lodge at its last annual communication adopted a resolution that the elective officers be a committee to apply to the legislature of this State, at its next session, for the enactment of such legislation, or modification of the Act of 1877, incorporating the trustees of the Hall and Asylum Fund, as will give this Grand Body, or to such officer or committee as it may direct, such supervisory power over the trustees, as the legislature may consider necessary to render them properly accountable to this Grand Body. This committee in pursuance of the action by the Grand Lodge have performed that duty and secured such legislation as the resolution called for, and will report to the Grand Lodge at the present annual session.

At the last annual session, on the report of the special committee on the society called "Veritas," the Grand Lodge adopted the committee's recommendation "that the said society strike out the entire of the objectional and offensive language and sections of their Constitution, at the earliest period, and report the same to the Grand Master, and thus purge themselves from even an implication of disloyalty," and, "that such society Veritas, as evidence of their faith in American ideas of freemasonry, and to set their seal of disapprobation of the misleading doctrines and offensive utterances of a newspaper known as the 'Masonia,' obliterate from its Constitution the declaration that it is the organ of the society." On the 12th day of June, 1884, the secretary of the society, Veritas, reported to the Grand Master, that in pursuance of the action of the Grand Lodge, said society had at its regular meeting held on Monday, June 9, 1884, "resolved to strike from their Constitution all the objec-

tional sections and phrases in question." By this prompt action the brethren working in the German tongue gave such evidence of their loyalty to the Grand Lodge, that no question remained with any thereto, and the Grand Master is proud to recognize in these brethren those, than whom none can be more loyal to the Grand Lodge and the principles of Freemasonry.

There was also adopted at the last annual session of the Grand Lodge an amendment to the statutes by which the end of the fiscal year was changed from April 30th, to December 31st. The question arose in relation to the dues of members of lodges to the Grand Lodge—shall members be charged for a full year's dues, or for the eight months covered by the returns made in pursuance of the change in the date of making them? The claim was made that a full year's dues should be required, as no injustice would be done by such requirement, and that the computation of odd amounts for a portion of a year would be productive of trouble in securing accuracy in returns. The Grand Master recognized the force of the reasons assigned for charging a full year's dues, but believing that in strict justice, dues for only the proportion of the year covered by the annual returns should be required, and that the latter would give the greater satisfaction he so ruled.

I congratulate the Grand Lodge that there are no proposed amendments to the Constitution or Statutes to come before us for final action at this annual communication.

LIBRARY AND READING ROOMS.

The Grand Lodge Library under the present efficient Librarian has become an attractive and interesting place for the Masonic student, but to R. W. FRANK R. LAWRENCE, the Deputy Grand Master, brethren residing in the city of New York, and also those residing outside, who visit the Hall, owe a debt of gratitude for the institution of a Reading Room in connection with the Library, in which an hour or an entire evening can be spent pleasantly and profitably. The rooms are decidedly attractive in their arrangements and are liberally supplied with morning and evening newspapers of the city, the principal illustrated weekly papers, representative journals from different parts of the United States,

many of the best known foreign newspapers and magazines, with a large number of Masonic periodicals, and all supported without expense to the Grand Lodge or the readers. The project in its inception had the hearty approval of the Grand Master and he fully believes that it is to prove of incalculable benefit to the fraternity especially of the Metropolitan districts by making the Temple, what it should be, the Masonic Home of the craft in this great jurisdiction.

QUESTIONS AND DECISIONS.

The questions which have been submitted to me during the year have been many and varied, and almost every topic which the ritual or statutes and regulations could suggest, has been the subject of correspondence. Dispensations have been asked for almost everything conceivable, and without regard to the constitutional and statutory provisions, concerning the powers of the Grand Master in that respect. Decisions have been called for many times on hypothetical questions and from unofficial sources, which, of course, the Grand Master was not bound to notice, but during my term as Grand Master I have felt that it was my duty to diffuse all the light possible, and the individual brother has received to his communication and question, as courteous and prompt reply and answer as has been given to communications and questions from official sources. This has entailed upon the Grand Master an amount of labor of which he had little conception, but it has brought to him its own reward. I do not deem it necessary to submit a report in detail of the decisions rendered, as in almost every instance a reasonable acquaintance with the Constitution and Statutes would have made it unnecessary to apply to the Grand Master, and all have been made in pursuance of well-established principles of masonic law. Over eighty decisions have been recorded in response to questions from official sources, but I will submit only one herewith, and that not so much on account of its importance or difficulty, as that the request for a decision came from a source which I have long considered an authority in such matters, and because I was compelled to differ from the views held by the one submitting the question. The following was the statement: "An unaffiliated mason having resided one year in this jurisdiction desires to comply with our law, and applies for affiliation—on ballot he is rejected."

Question. Is he entitled to visit, or is he forever debarred?

Decision. An unaffiliated mason who petitions a lodge for affiliation and is rejected, still remains under the ban of our law and cannot visit. The force of the law has not been broken by such petition.

On first thought I was inclined to think this unjust and harsh, but as the Grand Lodge has held that an unaffiliate has a right to present an application for affiliation to any lodge recognized as regular by this Grand Lodge, *without limitation as to time or place*, the seeming hardship disappears.

INSECURE PLACES OF MEETING.

Complaint having been made that quite a number of lodges in the city of New York were meeting in insecure and unsafe apartments for masonic work, investigation was made, and it appeared that several lodges were occupying rooms in the Grand Opera House building, which were subject to this criticism. A report concurred in by all the District Deputy Grand Masters (in whose districts were lodges occupying rooms therein), described these rooms as being separated from rooms used for other purposes than masonic lodge-rooms, by thin board partitions covered with muslin and decorative paper, and that they fail to confine sounds to each room. The result being that much can be heard of what is said and done, by persons who may be present in either of the adjoining rooms. The ante-rooms were pronounced unfit for the purposes for which needed. I thereupon, on the 7th day of April, 1885, issued orders to the several lodges of the Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth Districts, meeting in said rooms, through the District Deputy Grand Masters of these several districts, interdicting such lodges from holding communications therein, until the apartments should be rendered in all respects secure, and are properly so reported to be.

The several District Deputies, under date of May 30, reported that such rooms had been made secure for masonic purposes, and the interdict was removed.

A similar complaint was received concerning the lodge-rooms of Callicoon Lodge, No. 521, which, upon report of the District Deputy Grand Master of the Tenth District, was sustained. I

therefore on May 14, 1885 issued a like order to the one above referred to, to Callicoon Lodge, No. 521, through the District Deputy Grand Master of said district.

PRIVILEGED MEMBERSHIP.

Early in January last I received from Bro. CHARLES C. GREENOUGH, formerly a member of Pacific Lodge, No. 233, a memorial in which he sets forth the following: "I was made a mason in 1852, in Pacific Lodge, No. 233, being No. 31 on its roll of membership when first instituted, generally paying annual dues one or two years in advance. In 1865 the lodge made a by-law as follows: 'A brother who *shall have been* a faithful member of this lodge for ten years consecutively, shall be a *privileged member* and entitled to all the benefits of the lodge by paying Grand Lodge dues only.' (I had then been a member for thirteen years.) In 1868 the lodge rescinded the law and charged all back dues, since then I have paid my annual dues until 1875. At a meeting of the lodge in 1881 or 1882 action was taken on non-payment of dues, and my name was dropped from the roll for that cause." The petitioner claims that having paid his dues for over ten consecutive years at the time the by-law was adopted, he acquired a vested right under such by-law which could not be taken away by repeal of the same; that the amount of dues paid by him since the adoption of said by-law in 1865, is more than his Grand Lodge dues to the present time; that therefore his unaffiliation in 1881 or 1882 was illegal, and that he is entitled to have his name restored to the roll of Pacific Lodge.

It is but just to the petitioner to state that while he bases his claim upon law and justice, he now makes it because of old age, ill health, and pecuniary inability to pay dues, and asks the Grand Master's opinion as to his "status as a mason and member of Pacific Lodge, No. 233."

In view of the action of the Grand Lodge on the question of privileged membership in the past, and of the fact that several years have elapsed since Bro. GREENOUGH was unaffiliated, without an appeal being taken by him, the Grand Master concluded not to pass upon the question, but to submit it to the Grand Lodge with a *resume* of its previous utterances thereon, and ask for such action as will finally settle this one question.

Decision 50, as recorded in the Grand Master's address in 1875, is as follows : " Where a lodge passes a by-law, which prescribes that ' a brother who shall have been a faithful member of his lodge in good standing for ten years consecutively, shall be a privileged member, entitled to all the benefits of the lodge by paying Grand Lodge dues only, ' and a member of the lodge has complied with all the provisions of said law, after which the lodge rescinded the by-law. Held that the brother could not be compelled to pay dues to his lodge, other than Grand Lodge dues."

This decision was approved by the Grand Lodge.

The question was again before the Grand Lodge in 1879, and M. W. EDMUND L. JUDSON, in his address, presented it very clearly, but failed to elicit anything more than a reference of the subject to the annual communication of the following year, although the able chairman of Committee on Jurisprudence in his report, presented a very strong argument against the view as promulgated in the decision of 1875.

The Grand Lodge in 1880, on the recommendation of the Committee on Jurisprudence, adopted a guarded and qualified resolution on the subject of privileged membership, but did not dispose of the question as presented by Bro. GREENOUGH in his memorial to the Grand Master.

The Grand Master is very clearly of the opinion that Bro. GREENOUGH (under the decision of 1875), having paid dues for ten consecutive years at the time of the adoption of the by-law referred to, by Pacific Lodge, No. 233, and having since that time and before the action of the lodge unaffiliating him, paid as dues to said lodge a sum in excess of his Grand Lodge dues, is a member in good standing of said lodge, but I am not as clear in regard to the principles underlying the whole question of privileged membership, and therefore present the case thus at length and ask that the assembled wisdom of this Grand Lodge give forth an utterance with no uncertain sound.

APPEALS.

The number of cases of appeals from the action of subordinate lodges has not been large, but the principles involved in two of

these cases I deem of sufficient importance to the fraternity throughout this jurisdiction, to warrant more than the customary report in such cases.

Early in July last I received two appeals from the action of Richmond Lodge, No. 62, in the trial of W.: Bro. EDWARD D. CLARK, a member and Past Master of said lodge. The first is taken by the Junior Warden (who preferred the complaint) from the action of the lodge in rejecting the report of the Trial Commissioners (who found the accused brother guilty of the matters charged) and adopting instead of the resolutions recommended by the Commissioners, a resolution declaring that the charges were not sustained, that the same be dismissed, and that the accused brother was not guilty of any masonic offense whatever. The second appeal was taken by the accused brother from the resolution of the Trial Commissioners adjudging that he pay the expenses of the trial. Under the provisions of Section 56 of the Code, the lodge had no power to reverse or change the latter resolution, and although the accused was adjudged by the lodge not guilty of the offense charged, the resolution as to expenses has the force of a judgment unless reversed upon appeal. When the complaint was first presented by the Junior Warden the lodge refused to entertain it. R.: W.: REON BARNES, Master, then applied to the Grand Master to order the lodge to receive the complaint and proceed with its trial. The complaint undoubtedly alleged the commission by the accused of an offense against masonic law, and the Grand Master therefore made an order to the foregoing effect, whereupon the trial proceeded in the usual manner, with the result noted. On the appeal the case could not be considered by the Grand Master, as upon the complaint alone, but upon the pleadings of both parties and the evidence. The main facts as developed upon the trial are substantially these :

At a communication of Richmond Lodge held May 26, 1884, a brother, a Master Mason, and a member in good standing of a sister lodge, applied for admission as a visitor, and upon proper avouchment was admitted, but without his name being announced to the lodge at or before his entrance into the lodge-room. The accused, was present, and first became aware of the presence of the visiting brother when he saw him standing near the altar, whereupon he at once addressed the Master and objected to the

visiting brother's presence. The claim of the prosecution was that the objection was made in language discourteous and insulting, and as testified to by the Master of Richmond Lodge, it was as follows: "I object,—this lodge has a dignity and honor to maintain, which it cannot do with that man present," and in response to the remark of the Master, that the brother placed him in a very embarrassing position, the accused replied, "I cannot help that."

The second and last specification in the complaint was that the accused refused to obey an order of the Master made at a subsequent communication directing him to apologize for the language he had used in objecting to the visiting brother's presence, and this specification was substantially proven as alleged.

The Grand Master could not see upon what ground he would be justified in interfering with the action of the lodge in acquitting the accused of the commission of any offense in interposing the objection at the time or in the manner as shown by the evidence, and if he was guilty of no masonic offense in this, he surely could not be called upon to apologize. I therefore sustained the action of the lodge in declaring that the accused brother was not guilty of any masonic offense, and reversed the resolution adopted by the Trial Commissioners adjudging him to pay the expense of the trial.

I have referred to this case thus at length because I am aware that it is customary in many lodges to admit visitors as in this case, without announcing the name—the right to objection exists, and it is manifestly better that the opportunity for it be given before the introduction of the visiting brother into the lodge.

In this connection I would call the attention of the Grand Lodge to what seems to me to be an absurd provision of Section 56 of the Code, under which a lodge when setting aside a report of "guilty" by a Trial Commission, has no power to set aside the finding as to expenses, and an accused brother although adjudged by the lodge innocent of any offense yet stands adjudged to pay the expenses of the trial, and cannot be relieved from this position, except on appeal.

I therefore recommend that Section 56 of the Code be so

amended, that when a lodge shall set aside a Trial Commission's verdict of "guilty," it also have the power to set aside the judgment against him as to expenses of the trial.

As an heir-loom from my immediate predecessor as Grand Master, I found the appeal of Bro. E. W. STEELE taken from the action of Mount Horeb Lodge, No. 707, which reversed the report of Commissioners appointed for the trial of Bro. F. P. ALLEN, a member of said lodge, upon charges preferred by the appellant. The Commissioners found the accused guilty and recommended his expulsion.

One ground of appeal was that when the Commissioners presented their report, the lodge acted upon the resolution providing for its reversal by a secret ballot; and this statement is borne out by the minutes of the lodge. It is the settled law that when Trial Commissioners report, final action cannot be taken in this manner, and in at least two instances, the Grand Lodge, acting upon the report of the Commissioners of Appeals, has reversed judgments of lodges for the precise error here pointed out. Under these circumstances the case could not be examined on its merits, and for the reason above given the proceedings under review could not be upheld, the Grand Master therefore reversed the action of the lodge and ordered that it proceed upon the complaint, answer, testimony, and report of Trial Commissioners already in the case, to a further hearing and determination thereof. In pursuance of such order the case was again acted upon by Mount Horeb Lodge, and the finding of the Trial Commissioners approved. From this action the accused brother appealed, and the Grand Master regrets that the case could not on this appeal, come under review upon its merits. There was such a mass of irrelevant, incompetent, and hearsay testimony admitted by the Trial Commissioners, and the well-established rules in relation to the admission and exclusion of evidence were so utterly disregarded on the trial, that the Grand Master felt called upon to dispose of the appeal as he did, rather from the necessity of upholding the dignity of masonic tribunals, than from the belief that any substantial injustice had been done the appellant. I therefore sustained the appeal, reversing the judgment of Mount Horeb Lodge, No. 707, and ordered a new trial on the charges, before a new Commission.

In the matter of the appeal of Bro. THOMAS H. FLOYD from the action of Utica Lodge, No. 47, by which he was expelled therefrom, and from all the rights and privileges of masonry, the Grand Master affirmed the action of the lodge.

In the several cases above named all the papers are on file with the Grand Secretary, with the reasons of the Grand Master for his decision in each case *in extenso*.

WORK AND LECTURES.

To the observant brother it must be patent that from year to year there is a closer adherence to the standard work, and that our State ritual is a success. In no small degree this is owing to the fact, that the Grand Lodge has had the services of the same brother as Grand Lecturer, for so many years. Another factor in securing this result is our system of District Conventions—a system which did not, when inaugurated, have that hearty support and encouragement deserved, and even now does not meet with universal approval, which, however, by the reports from the Conventions of the past year, and my own observation, I am convinced is not only efficient in securing uniformity of work, but is also growing in the favor of the brethren. The Grand Lodge at its last annual session requested the Grand Master to continue the Special Committee on Work and Lectures appointed by M.: W.: J. EDWARD SIMMONS, and in accordance therewith such committee was reappointed, to the end “that the Grand Lecturer might have the effective support of the same, in the enforcement of the will of the Grand Lodge regarding Work and Lectures.” Several questions relative to the esoteric portion of the ritual were discussed during the exemplification of the work, at the District Conventions, which no doubt have received the careful consideration of the committee above referred to, and of the result of such consideration the Grand Lodge will doubtless be advised. Uniformity in work is exceedingly desirable, and the reasonable degree that is ours, is largely due to the energy and efficiency of our Grand Lecturer, who in his contact with the brethren throughout the State, by his purity of character and habits, has deserved and won their esteem and confidence.

CHARITY.

For an exhibit of the noble work accomplished by organized effort in behalf of temporary sojourners in the Metropolitan

Districts during the past year, I refer you to the report of the Masonic Board of Relief of the city of New York. The work of this board is a grand work and it should have the hearty sympathy and generous support which is needed and deserved, and I commend to your consideration the timely words of M. W. J. EDWARD SIMMONS in his address of a year ago, on this subject. The criticism is frequently made that the charities of the Grand Lodge are insignificant and unworthy such an organization, and as proof thereof the recommendations of the Committee on Charity as formerly published in the proceedings of the Grand Lodge are referred to. The Grand Lodge is not the almoner of the lodges within its jurisdiction, and such criticism is neither just or charitable. It is neither practicable or desirable to ascertain the amount annually expended for charitable purposes by the fraternity in this great jurisdiction, but the fact remains that the masonic fraternity has not forgotten the truth, or failed to act upon the knowledge of it, that "the poor always ye have with you."

A VITAL QUESTION.

Of late there has been considerable discussion in the public press and in masonic circles, in relation to a case of discipline in a masonic lodge in Toronto, in which the question of belief in God as requisite to masonic good standing was involved. It is unnecessary herein to review this particular case, but I believe that the honor of our grand old fraternity demands that in these days when infidelity is rife and when even some so-called masonic periodicals make light of that foundation-stone of Freemasonry—belief in the Supreme Being—there should go forth from official sources, words on this subject, of no uncertain sound. If there be no God in Masonry, aye, if belief in God be not the corner-stone upon which Freemasonry is founded, then indeed is it in its decadence and its days are numbered. But, brethren, we have not reached this low plane. I know that as I here and now put the question to the more than seven hundred representatives of lodges in this great jurisdiction—"In whom do you put your trust?"—that your hearts throb back the answer—"In God." Freemasonry is neither Godless or anti-Christian, nor is it sectarian. It embraces in its membership men of all creeds and no creed—Jew, Mohammedan, Christian, all are found within its broad fold, but none who do not acknowledge the existence

of one Supreme Being, who ruleth all things and to whom all owe allegiance. To my Hebrew brother, it is the God of Israel—to the Mohammedan, the God as revealed in the great open book of the starry-decked heavens—to the Christian, the God and Father of our Savior Jesus Christ.

It has been charged that "had they (the Masons) courage of their convictions they would pluck the name of the Supreme Being out of their ritual." Nothing could be farther from the truth than such an assertion. To eliminate the name of the Deity from our ritual would leave it but an empty shell. Yes, there is room within our broad fold for those of all creeds and no creed, but our doors are not open to the atheist, nor is there room within our portals for him.

EXTERNAL RELATIONS.

The relations of this Grand Lodge with other Masonic Grand Bodies as existing one year ago, remain without change since the last Annual Communication, and nothing during the year has occurred to mar or disturb the harmony of our fraternal relations with such bodies. The Grand Lodge one year ago referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence a resolution in reference to the recognition of the "Grand Lodge of New South Wales as an independent Grand Lodge and sister sovereign," and your attention is fraternally called to the report of that committee thereon. Frequent knockings are heard at our doors, for recognition of so-called Grand Lodges, and though thoroughly believing in the American ideas of Grand Lodge sovereignty, I believe it is wisdom to make haste slowly. Our ideas on this question are far from being as universal as freemasonry, and it is well that before recognizing any body claiming to be an independent Grand Lodge, we carefully consider the *rights* of all concerned. Wisdom and an evident desire to do justice, have characterized the report of our Committee on Foreign Correspondence in the past, and I have faith to believe that their report now so soon to be presented, will contain recommendations on this subject worthy of your adoption.

HALL AND ASYLUM.

Nothing can come before us for our careful consideration of more importance to the fraternity of this jurisdiction than the Hall and Asylum Fund—not alone because of the large financial

interests involved, and which call for wise and judicious management, but also for the grand possibilities of the future, which it is our privilege and duty to make assured. More than a quarter of a century has passed since the grand scheme was projected, but its originator had no conception that so large an amount would be spent ere more than the threshold should have been crossed. Honest differences of opinion exist as to the wisdom of the course adopted by those having the matter in charge in its early days, but the day for discussion over this is past, and our duty is plain—it is to pay off the debt on this building at the earliest possible moment. The burden is great but our resources are greater, and we must never cease to bear our portion of the burden until the grand and magnificent charity—the Asylum—is an accomplished fact.

When we assembled in this hall one year ago, it was with feelings of sadness and depression because of the deplorable condition of a large portion of the building, on account of the then recent fire, and among those who had the affairs of the Hall and Asylum Fund uppermost in mind, there were anxious fears lest it would be impossible to secure as trustees brethren of responsibility, and willing to take upon themselves the labor of restoring our home. To-day we meet under far different circumstances, and have ample occasion for congratulations. Our Temple has been beautified and adorned—has been more than restored, and to those faithful servants who have labored so earnestly to accomplish this, we owe our fraternal thanks. But this has not been the only line in which they have labored faithfully, as will be seen from their report to be presented to you. I cannot more than refer to a single item, but I ask every representative present to carefully read and consider the report which will soon be in your hands.

One year ago the bonded debt of the Fund was \$553,500, of which amount \$153,500 were Income Bonds falling due February 1, 1885. These latter have been met by payment of \$75,000 and the refunding of \$78,500 at 5 per cent. interest. Beside the \$78,500 of 5 per cent. Income Bonds falling due (\$45,000 February 1, 1886 and \$33,500 February 1, 1887), and which can easily be met, there are \$395,000 First Mortgage Bonds bearing seven per cent. interest and not due until September 15, 1891. To reduce this large debt, or to provide ways and means to meet it

at maturity with the least possible burdening of the fraternity, should and no doubt will be the study and aim of the Trustees, and it is our duty as members of the Grand Lodge to hold up their hands in this all-important work. To this end, then, let us bend our energies ; let criticisms, which are only for the sake of criticism, drop ; let the errors of the past cease to be the staple of our conversation concerning this grand work, and with the ultimate design of the Fund—the Asylum—ever in view, let our best thought and best work be devoted to its accomplishment. Two weeks ago I appointed the Committee on Hall and Asylum Fund in order that ample time might be given them for careful examination of the report of the Trustees, and to the report of this committee I ask careful consideration.

CONCLUSION.

And now, brethren, having submitted to you a report of my official acts during the past year, and called your attention to some of the questions for your present consideration, I desire to express to you sincere thanks for the distinguished honor conferred upon me in my selection as your Grand Master. The work of the year has been by no means light, but it has been a labor of love, and in it all, I have had the hearty and fraternal co-operation of my associate Grand Lodge officers, and when, in the dark hours of affliction, the burden seemed too heavy to stand erect under, their deep sympathy and the strong arms of love of my brethren came to my support, and there came light to dispel the darkness. To the Deputy Grand Master I am indebted for wise counsel and substantial aid in my work, and R. W. Bro. EHLERS I have found to be a model Grand Secretary and ever ready to respond to the frequent calls made upon him.

Now, as brethren dwelling together in unity, and with an eye single to the interests of the great constituency here represented, let us take wise counsel together concerning the important matters which will claim our attention, and without undue haste, let us promptly dispose of them and return to our homes and home duties, with the consciousness that we have earnestly endeavored to faithfully perform the important duties entrusted to us.

WM. A. BRODIE,
Grand Master.

APPENDIX TO THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

THE FIRE AT CARTHAGE, N. Y.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER OF MASONS
IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK,

GENESEO, November 29, 1884.

To the Master, Wardens and Brethren of all Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York:

*Brethren:—*The greater part of the Village of Carthage, in the County of Jefferson, has been destroyed by fire, nearly all the manufacturing establishments have been swept away, seven-eighths of the people in that village are bereft of their means of support, and fully two-thirds of the population is without shelter, seventy acres of residences having been burned to the ground in that terrible conflagration. Among the sufferers, twenty-eight brethren of our own masonic household, members of Carthage Lodge, No. 158, together with their families, have been made homeless.

I deem it my duty to call the attention of the craft to this sad calamity, and to invite the several lodges of this jurisdiction, by immediate and generous donations, to at once relieve the distress of our brethren of Carthage Lodge.

Donations may be sent to the Grand Secretary, EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, Masonic Hall, 23d Street and 6th Avenue, New York City, who will properly acknowledge and forward the same to such committee as Carthage Lodge may designate.

WM. A. BRODIE,

Grand Master.

BY THE GRAND MASTER,

E. M. L. EHLERS,

Grand Secretary.

RECEIPTS.

1884.			
Dec.	2,	W. Patrick H. Melley, Master Eureka Lodge, No. 243.....	\$10 00
	"	W. Sheldon B. Shaw, P. M. Republic " 690.....	5 00
	3,	Adelphi Lodge, No. 23.....	10 00
	"	Aeternus " 274.....	25 00
	4,	Mamaro " 653.....	10 00
	"	Hamilton " 79.....	10 00
	"	Clinton " 453.....	10 00
	"	Park " 516.....	25 00
	"	Corner-Stone " 367.....	25 00
	5,	Pacific " 233.....	10 00
	"	R. W. James Ten Eyck, Junior Grand Warden.....	25 00
	"	Skaneateles Lodge, No. 522.....	5 00
	"	Kane " 454.....	25 00
	"	Syracuse " 501.....	75 00
	"	White Plains " 473.....	3 00
	"	Hudson " 7.....	25 00
	"	Roman " 223.....	25 00
	"	Tabernacle " 598.....	5 00

Dec. 5, Ancient City	Lodge No. 452	\$10 00
" Freedom	" 324	5 00
" Uhland	" 735	5 00
" Macedonia	" 258	10 00
" Keshequa	" 299	5 00
" Puritan	" 339	25 00
" Lebanon	" 191	10 00
" Ridgewood	" 710	5 00
" Merchants'	" 709	10 00
" 6, Atlas	" 316	25 00
" Evangelist	" 600	10 00
" Diamond	" 555	5 00
" Polar Star	" 245	25 00
" Peconic	" 349	10 00
" Silentia	" 198	5 00
" Champlain	" 237	10 00
" Crystal Wave	" 638	20 00
" Shakespeare	" 750	12 56
" Columbian	" 484	5 00
" Niagara Frontier	" 182	10 00
" R.: W.: John C. Graves, Grand Standard Bearer		25 00
" Americus	Lodge, No. 535	10 00
" Long Island	" 382	15 00
" 8, King Solomon's Prim.	" 91	20 00
" Sanctorum	" 747	10 00
" Manhattan	" 62	10 00
" Glen's Falls	" 121	2 00
" Irondequoit	" 301	15 00
" Living Stone	" 255	5 00
" Republic	" 690	25 00
" Scotia	" 634	10 00
" Wieland	" 714	10 00
" Copernicus	" 545	5 00
" Solomon's	" 196	10 00
" Temple	" 14	20 00
" Putnam	" 338	5 00
" 9, Charity	" 727	10 00
" Golden Rule	" 770	2 00
" Gavel	" 703	5 00
" Perfect Ashlar	" 604	5 00
" La Fayette	" 64	25 00
" Working	" 554	2 00
" Morton	" 63	20 00
" Darcy	" 187	10 00
" Zeredatha	" 483	20 00
" Bro. Edwin Adams		1 00
" South Side	Lodge, No. 493	5 00
" De Ruyter	" 692	10 00
" Tonawanda	" 247	10 00
" 10, Covenant	" 758	6 50
" Platt	" 194	10 00
" Rhinebeck	" 432	5 00
" Columbia	" 98	5 00
" Bedford	" 574	10 00
" Rondout	" 343	25 00
" Tompkins	" 471	5 00
" Greenpoint	" 403	10 00
" Warwick	" 544	5 00
" Hohenlinden	" 56	10 00
" Ancient	" 724	10 00
" Philipstown	" 236	10 00
" St. John's	" 22	5 00
" Queen City	" 358	50 00
" Klopstock	" 760	5 00
" Bethel	" 733	5 00
" Normal	" 523	5 00
" 11, Commonwealth	" 409	25 00
" Oneida	" 270	5 00

Dec. 11, Sacket's Harbor	Lodge No. 135	\$5 00
" Addison Union	" 118	10 00
" Newport	" 455	10 00
" Apollo	" 13	40 00
" Monroe	" 173	10 00
" Germania	" 182	20 00
" Salt Springs	" 520	5 00
" Rising Star	" 450	8 00
" Seneca	" 113	5 00
" Auburn	" 431	25 00
" Union	" 114	5 00
" De Molay	" 498	27 00
" 12, Hiawatha	" 434	5 00
" Walkkill	" 627	10 00
" Schuyler's Lake	" 162	10 00
" Triune	" 782	15 00
" Adonai	" 718	5 00
" Benevolent	" 28	5 00
" Alma	" 728	14 00
" Anthon	" 769	5 00
" Tyrian	" 618	10 00
" Trinity	" 12	28 00
" Erie	" 161	25 00
" Palmyra	" 243	10 00
" Red Jacket	" 646	25 00
" Seneca Lake	" 308	2 00
" Lodge of Antiquity	" 11	5 00
" Architect	" 519	10 00
" Italia	" 786	5 00
" 13, Phoebus	" 82	10 00
" Lexington	" 310	10 00
" Lily	" 342	5 00
" Yew Tree	" 461	2 00
" Deer River	" 499	10 00
" Lodge of Strict Observance,	94	5 00
" Rockland	Lodge, No. 723	5 00
" Mecca Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.		50 00
" Mount Hermon	Lodge, No. 572	10 00
" Lockport	" 73	35 00
" Star of Bethlehem	" 322	5 00
" Cassia	" 445	20 00
" Washington	" 240	50 00
" 15, Teutonia	" 617	5 00
" Jamaica	" 546	15 00
" Otseningo	" 435	15 00
" Occidental	" 766	8 52
" Ransomville	" 551	5 00
" Concordia	" 143	25 00
" Jephtha	" 494	5 00
" Justice	" 753	5 00
" Astor	" 603	25 00
" Metropolitan	" 273	10 00
" Hill Grove	" 540	5 00
" Tuscan	" 704	5 00
" 16, Mizpah	" 738	10 00
" Washington	" 85	5 00
" Remsen	" 677	10 00
" Olive Branch	" 40	25 00
" Progressive	" 354	5 00
" Cautious	" 726	8 00
" Worth	" 210	10 00
" Herder	" 698	10 00
" Manual	" 636	5 00
" Allemania	" 740	10 00
" St. Cecile	" 568	25 00
" Empire City	" 206	10 00
" Stuyvesant	" 745	10 00
" York	" 197	2 00

Dec. 17, Ezel	Lodge No. 732	\$20 00
" George Washington	" 285	10 00
" Monumental	" 374	5 00
" Mount Vernon	" 8	10 00
" Jordan	" 386	10 00
" Howard	" 35	25 00
" Meridian	" 691	5 00
" Rising Sun	" 234	10 00
" Jerusalem	" 355	5 00
" Star of Cuba	" 742	10 00
" Sagamore	" 371	10 00
" Montgomery	" 68	25 00
" Wawayanda	" 315	5 00
" Trumansburgh	" 157	7 06
" Dunkirk	" 767	5 00
" John Hancock	" 70	10 00
" 18, Stony Point	" 313	12 20
" Brooklyn	" 288	10 00
" Garibaldi	" 542	5 00
" Albion	" 26	50 00
" Unity	" 9	2 00
" St. Paul's	" 124	25 00
" Valley	" 109	25 00
" York	" 197	8 00
" Beacon	" 283	10 00
" Yonnonadio	" 163	25 00
" Morrisville	" 658	5 00
" Delta	" 451	10 00
" Fayette	" 539	5 00
" Cornucopia	" 563	10 00
" Niagara	" 375	25 00
" Hermann	" 268	25 00
" Continental	" 287	25 00
" Sodas	" 392	25 00
" 19, Renovation	" 97	25 00
" King Solomon's	" 279	5 00
" Copestone	" 641	10 00
" Middleburgh	" 663	5 00
" Morning Star	" 67	5 00
" Gasport	" 787	7 00
" Goethe	" 629	10 00
" Schiller	" 304	5 00
" True Craftsmen	" 651	20 00
" Jefferson	" 332	5 00
" Chancellor Walworth	" 271	25 00
" Wamponamon	" 437	5 00
" Kisco	" 708	10 00
" Veritas	" 734	5 00
" 20, Cosmopolitan	" 585	10 00
" Delhi	" 439	4 28
" Lodi	" 345	5 00
" Sullivan	" 143	5 00
" Solon	" 771	25 00
" Maimonides	" 745	10 00
" L'Sincerite	" 373	10 00
" Altair	" 601	50 00
" 22, Rising Light	" 627	10 00
" Friendship	" 153	10 00
" Avon Springs	" 570	10 00
" Genesee Falls	" 507	25 00
" Monitor	" 528	10 00
" 23, Wappinger's	" 671	10 00
" James M. Austin	" 557	5 00
" Cohoes	" 116	7 50
" Enterprise	" 228	1 00
" Northern Light	" 505	10 00
" Homer	" 352	4 99

Dec. 23, Winfield	Lodge No. 581	\$4 99
" Etolian	" 479	5 00
" Aurora	" 323	5 00
" Spencer	" 290	5 00
" Cortlandville	" 470	10 00
" Clinton	" 155	5 00
" Phoenix	" 262	15 00
" Allegany	" 225	10 00
" Standard	" 711	6 00
" Charter Oak	" 249	10 00
" Anchor	" 729	5 00
" Glen Cove	" 580	11 00
" Hiram	" 105	15 00
" R. W. John Hodge, D. D. G. M., 24th District		20 00
" 24, Hoffman	Lodge, No. 412	10 00
" Seawanhaka	" 678	10 00
" Attica	" 462	10 00
" Acanthus	" 719	10 00
" Black Lake	" 319	10 00
" Hope	" 244	25 00
" Hyatt	" 205	25 00
" Beacon Light	" 701	5 60
" Savannah	" 764	3 00
" Pocahontas	" 211	25 00
" Harmonie	" 699	10 00
" Liberty	" 510	10 00
" Milo	" 108	27 20
" Orion	" 717	5 00
" Adirondack	" 602	10 00
" St. Patrick's	" 4	10 00
" De Molay	" 498	15 40
" Seneca River	" 160	10 00
" Forest	" 166	5 00
Dec. 27, Oswego	" 127	25 00
" Batavia	" 475	25 00
" Silver	" 757	20 50
" Fellowship	" 749	5 00
" Waddington	" 393	20 00
" Citizens'	" 628	6 25
" 29, Cador	" 411	5 00
" Macedon	" 665	7 40
" La Fraternidad	" 387	5 00
" Ark	" 39	30 65
" Ontario	" 376	10 00
" Masters'	" 5	25 00
" Prudence	" 632	5 00
" Concord	" 50	25 00
" Advance	" 635	10 00
" 30, Dover	" 666	10 00
" Port Brewerton	" 256	10 00
" Genesee	" 214	10 00
" Weedsport	" 385	5 00
" Mount Moriah	" 145	5 00
" Morning Sun	" 142	10 00
" Blazing Star	" 694	10 00
" 31, Daniel Carpenter	" 643	15 00
" Acacian	" 705	20 00
" Webster	" 538	4 91
" De Peyster	" 573	20 00
" Marion	" 278	5 00
" Western Union	" 146	3 00
" Holland	" 8	50 00
1885		
Jan. 2, St. Lawrence	" 111	5 00
" Mount Moriah	" 27	10 00
" Schuyler	" 676	5 00
" Susquehanna	" 167	4 50

Jan.	2, St. Paul's	Lodge No. 124	\$26 75
"	Ivy	397	14 11
"	Lessing	608	10 00
"	Sylvan	303	5 00
"	Huguenot	448	7 00
"	3, R. W. John W. Vrooman, Senior Grand Warden		10 00
"	5, Port Jervis	Lodge No. 328	10 00
"	Cherry Creek	384	5 00
"	Frontier City	422	10 00
"	Oazenovia	616	25 00
"	Rising Sun	103	50 00
"	German Union	54	5 00
"	Ogdensburgh	128	15 00
"	Somerset	639	5 00
"	7, Ahwaga	587	6 50
"	Clyde	341	4 97
"	Ramapo	589	5 00
"	Arcade	419	10 00
"	Cautious	726	2 00
"	8, Northern Constellation	291	14 50
"	Groton	496	10 00
"	9, Union Star	320	10 00
"	Crescent	402	10 00
"	Corinthian	488	10 00
"	Morning Star	524	15 00
"	Cobleskill	394	3 00
"	North Star	107	5 00
"	Olean	252	10 00
"	10, Templar	203	5 00
"	Tienuderrah	605	10 00
"	Centennial	763	10 00
"	Greenwood	569	10 00
"	Emanuel	654	10 00
"	Social	713	5 00
"	12, Richfield Springs	482	10 00
"	Franklin	447	10 00
"	Centreville	648	10 00
"	Central Square	622	5 00
"	Amity	323	25 00
"	13, Calicoon	521	10 00
"	14, Ind. Royal Arch	2	50 00
"	Laurens	548	10 00
"	Victor	680	13 50
"	Marathon	438	5 00
"	Doric	280	5 00
"	Von Mensch	765	2 00
"	Clinton F. Paige	620	5 00
"	15, Noah	754	5 00
"	16, Fort Plain	433	25 65
"	United Brothers	356	10 00
"	17, Modestia	340	25 00
Jan.	19, Zerubbabel	329	10 00
"	20, Warrensburgh	425	2 00
"	Fessler	576	10 00
"	21, Franklinville	626	5 00
"	Mountain	529	5 00
"	St. John's	1	10 00
"	26, Mosaic	418	5 00
"	Radiant	739	10 00
"	27, Elk	577	10 00
"	28, Pyramid	490	10 00
"	Naval	69	10 00
"	31, Newburgh	309	10 00
Feb	2, Aurora Grata	756	10 00
"	5, New York	330	25 00
"	6, Medina	336	10 00
"	14, Oatka	759	6 00

Feb. 14, Boonville	Lodge No. 165	10 00
" 20, Rescue	" 772	5 00
" 25, Gilboa	" 690	5 00
" 28, Herkimer	" 423	10 00
Mch. 13, Oriental	" 224	10 00
" 24, Dundee	" 123	6 63
" 25, Newark Valley	" 614	7 75
" 30, Portville	" 579	10 00
April 27, Sincerity	" 200	7 00
" 28, Mistletoe	" 647	10 00
Total		\$4,377 37

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF RELIEF.

MASONIC BOARD OF RELIEF,
New York City, May 15, 1885. }

Most Worshipful Brother WILLIAM A. BRODIE, Grand Master of Masons, State of New York :

*Dear Sir and Brother :—*The Masonic Board of Relief of the City of New York, organized pursuant to action of the Grand Lodge of the State, hereby respectfully and fraternally submits its sixth ANNUAL REPORT for the year ending May 14, 1885.

The receipts for the year were as follows :

Balance on hand last annual report	\$567 28
Received dues from lodges	\$1,314 07
" donation from Scotia lodge	20 00
" monies returned	267 50
Interest on deposits	36 60
	<u>1,638 17</u>
Total	\$2,205 45

The disbursements of the year were as follows :

For charity to persons applying	\$1,128 48
" Printing books and stationery	28 50
" Rent of safe three and one-half years	17 50
" Salary of Secretary	300 00
" Postage, etc.	5 92
Total	<u>\$1,480 40</u>

Balance in hands of Treasurer	<u>\$725 05</u>
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The difference in financial transactions, as compared with the report of the year ending May 14, 1884, is as follows :

Dues from lodges, increased	\$88 08
Donations—monies returned, increased	176 00
Interests on deposits, decreased	9 94
Disbursements for charity, decreased	260 84
Postage, increased	98
Printing, decreased	1 00
Balance on hand, increased	157 77

The increase of the balance on hand is specially due to the considerable amount of money (\$267.50) returned by lodges and individuals to the Board. It may

well be stated here that, in no instance, do we make a demand upon a lodge for the return of money given to one of its distressed members. We simply notify the lodge affected of our action and leave it to their generosity to reimburse us for the outlay made. In one case we received over \$50 from a widow whom we had generously helped, pending legal and other measures, to secure her certain benefits from two mutual aid organizations—one of them masonic—in one of our Western States. The husband of this widow died in September last, was buried under direction of this Board, and the ceremonies performed by members of Copestone and Amity lodges; but it was not until the following January that she received the money due her as a beneficiary. Our thanks are due to Bro. STANBROUGH, of Ancient Lodge, and our Secretary, for valuable assistance in securing this money for an unfortunate woman who could not secure it for herself.

We are pleased to say that this Board is slowly but surely overcoming the groundless opposition it has heretofore met with. Seeing that we unostentatiously and quietly persevere in the good work assigned us by the charitable brethren of the contributing lodges, others are at last willing to concede our right to be regarded as worthy of consideration if not more substantial aid. The builders of the present system of relief, and the officers selected to carry out their plans, well knew what they were doing, for there has been very little change in the policy originally adopted for the management of the Board, its officers and committees. There is no jar or confusion in the proceedings, and we find that we can successfully manage as many as ten cases in one evening, as we frequently have done. In fact we have made masonic charitable disbursement as much a matter of business as sentiment, and have found it the proper course to pursue.

The following lodges are regular contributors to the Board :

ALMA.....	No. 728	GIBARD.....	No. 681
ALBION.....	" 26	HOLLAND.....	" 8
ANCIENT.....	" 724	HOWARD.....	" 35
ANTIQUITY.....	" 11	IVANHOE.....	" 610
AMITY.....	" 323	ITALIA.....	" 786
ARCHITECT.....	" 519	IND. ROYAL ARCH.....	" 2
ATLANTIC.....	" 178	KING SOLOMON.....	" 279
ASTOR.....	" 603	KANE.....	" 454
BUNTING.....	" 655	LA SINCERITE.....	" 373
CITIZENS.....	" 628	LAFAYETTE.....	" 64
CONTINENTAL.....	" 287	MANHATTAN.....	" 62
CRESCENT.....	" 402	MERCHANTS'.....	" 709
CYRUS.....	" 208	MONITOR.....	" 528
CENTENNIAL.....	" 763	NEW YORK.....	" 330
COPESTONE.....	" 641	PACIFIC.....	" 233
CONCORD.....	" 50	PRINCE OF ORANGE.....	" 16
EVANGELIST.....	" 600	PYTHAGORAS.....	" 86
EMPIRE CITY.....	" 206	PUTNAM.....	" 338
EXCELSIOR.....	" 195	STUYVESANT.....	" 745
ENTERPRISE.....	" 228	STAR OF CUBA.....	" 742
FESSLER.....	" 586	ST. CECILE.....	" 568
GARIBALDI.....	" 542	TECUMSEH.....	" 487
GLOBE.....	" 588	YORK.....	" 197
GOLDEN RULE.....	" 770		

From this list it will be seen that no lodge on our list of contributors last year, has discontinued its membership, and that we have gained three, viz.: Astor,

Monitor and Lafayette lodges. Several lodges have the matter under contemplation, and we feel assured of a still greater membership in the near future.

During the year we have published to the brethren of New York and Brooklyn, and to Boards of Relief throughout the country, the following named persons as impostors, or unworthy masonic assistance. They claimed to hail from the lodges and locations respectively given:

Louis Colsky	Highland Lodge.....	Jersey City, N. J.
William Clifford.....	Lander Lodge.....	Nevada.
John F. Richardson.....	Oriona Lodge.....	New York.
James Knox.....	Lodge 195	Scotland.
Jacob Lang.....	Olteil Lodge.....	Roumania.
John A. Harkness.....	Baltic Lodge, 284.....	Brooklyn, N. Y.
Kenneth Fraser	St. Mary's Lodge, 339.....	Scotland.
James H. McMullen.....	Lodges in Maryland, N. Jersey and Virginia—has sev-	
Robert Hall.....	Lodges in California.....	eral aliases.
Jerome Ward.....	Polar Star Lodge.....	St. Louis, Mo.
William Walker.....	Modoc Lodge (U. D.) and others, California.	
James T. Brown.....	Unanimity and Concord, 20, and others, N. So. Wales.	
Morris Grant.....	Evening Star Lodge, 44.....	Hornellsville, N. Y.
Arthur U. Bowdoin.....	Lodge Australia, 390.....	New South Wales.

The William Walker, named above, has many *aliases*, and is a shrewd worker. He is about sixty years old, a fluent talker, and apt to impress one with his truth. He is known as Robert Love, R. W. Ford, Frank Shaw, Thomas Parker, A. N. Bell, as well as others, and always hails from California.

We add the following named to the list above given, and warn the craft not to give them encouragement or material help:

William Esplin.....	St. Peter's Lodge, 120.....	Scotland.
James Williams.....	Newry Lodge, 23.....	Ireland.
Mary Rice.....	Constitution Lodge.....	New York City.
Charles L. Benedict.....	Woodbridge Lodge, 131.....	California.
Alex. Fairley.....	Elgin Lodge, 348.....	Montreal.
Henry A. Norcross.....	Kennebec Lodge, 5.....	Maine.
George Wilson.....	Fraternity Lodge.....	"
Isaac J. Lockwood.....	Acacia Lodge, 85.....	Connecticut.
Leonard D. Cross.....	Rising Sun Lodge, 7.....	Vermont.
Michael Melanphy.....	St. John's Lodge, 1.....	Isle of Malta.
Samuel M. Hargett.....	St. John's Lodge, 3.....	Newbern, N. C.
Wm. Doddridge.....	Gardner Lodge, 573.....	Illinois.
Eliza Hammeatt.....	Widow of a Boston mason. She is a Spiritualist, and is travelling over the country with a letter from her son, who (if a mason), has given her a sort of character certificate. She is voluble, but has no masonic claim.	

In addition to the large number of masonic tramps and impostors heretofore and now published by us, we are impelled to publish those against whom we have been warned by other Relief Boards, with due credit to the organization discovering them:

BY BALTIMORE BOARD OF RELIEF.

W. W. Madra.....	Queen City Lodge.....	Buffalo, N. Y.
W. R. Dudley.....	Norfolk Lodge.....	Virginia.
Julius Koch.....	Wieland Lodge, 714.....	New York City.
Ida T. Bogardus.....	Excelsior Lodge, 195.....	New York City.
William Roberts.....	Mount Moriah Lodge.....	Philadelphia.
Paul C. Haller.....	St. John's Lodge, 915.....	Alexandria, Egypt.
Wm. J. Tankersley.....	Tangier's Lodge, 159.....	Maryland.
Jas. Russell Walker.....	Shamrock Lodge, 275.....	Scotland.
Edwin A. Pearson.....	Maine Lodge, 20.....	Maine.
William Walker.....	Cedarville Lodge (U. D.).....	California.
Wm. Somerville.....	Franklin Lodge, 96.....	South Carolina.

MONTREAL BOARD OF RELIEF.

Wallace Anderson.....	Kilwinning Lodge, 17.....	Scotland.
E. Masse.....	Amicable Lodge.....	Massachusetts.
E. Tedman.....	Tuscan Lodge, 99.....	C. R. (?)
Henry Surrah.....	Crescent Lodge, 78.....	Maine.
John Ross, or John Torry.....	Trafalgar Lodge.....	Leith, Scotland.
Alexander Fraser.....	Lawrence Lodge, 144.....	Scotland.

LOUISVILLE BOARD OF RELIEF.

F. Fornacon.....	Silurian Lodge, 471....	England.
J. R. Conklin.....	.....	Chicago.
K. J. Holmes.....	Rochester Lodge, 600.....	New York.
Herman Roszbach.....	Rupprecht Lodge, 5.....	Germany.
O. F. Bell <i>alias</i> Robt. Hall.....	Lodges in California.....	.....
James McBrien.....	Lodges in Scotland.....	.....

ST. LOUIS BOARD OF RELIEF.

George Lytle.....	Waddington Lodge, 393.....	New York.
James McBrien.....	(see above).....	.....
William Walker.....	(see above).....	.....
James T. Brown.....	(see above).....	.....
Charles S. Carter.....	Metropolitan Lodge.....	New York City.
T. W. Williams.....	Centreville Lodge, 371.....	Ohio.
A. S. Fanning.....	Bellevue Lodge, 57.....	Iowa.

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Freeman Hoyt.....Lodges in Canada.....

SAN FRANCISCO BOARD OF RELIEF.

Bernard Milroy.....	Cosmopolitan Lodge, 585.....	Brooklyn, N. Y.
John Darrah.....	Montreal Lodge, 37.....	Montreal, Canada.

This large number of fraudulent applicants for relief is a startling exhibit of the business carried on by impostors, and is the very best argument for the existence of masonic charitable organizations. We are in regular communication with numerous Boards and Lodges of Relief in the United States and Canada, from whom we receive and to whom we send such information as may be necessary to the proper transaction of our business. Our notes of "Warning" had been published regularly for some time when one of them attracted the attention of an earnest and systematic brother in Baltimore, Maryland. This brother, Dr. D. F. PENNINGTON, was and is the able President of the Lodge of Relief in that City, and has earned the title his brethren give him. The following extract from his report, dated October 31, 1884, is interesting as showing how necessary a system of charitable disbursement is :

"Since the institution of the Masonic Lodge of Relief in this City, the question of dispensing its charity to the worthy, and adopting a means of suppressing the unworthy, has been a question of much moment. During the term just closed, the Lodge of Relief has been in correspondence with all the Grand Jurisdictions of the United States, Canada, and parts of Europe, for the purpose of effecting a more thorough system of dispensing masonic charity to the worthy, and to put a check upon the numerous impostors that are daily presenting themselves for relief. Our proposed system has been very favorably commented upon, with a fair prospect that in the near future it will come into general practice.

"The experience of the Lodge of Relief during the past term with those seeking assistance, has been such as to lead to the belief that fully two-thirds of the applicants are unworthy. Correspondence with other jurisdictions develops the fact that we are not alone in our experience, but that it is evident that a number of *beats* have been tramping the country, working masonic bodies in all directions.

"These facts are produced by our system of exchange, which we hope to make more perfect in the future, and by which it is confidently expected that an effectual stop will be put to all, or at least a greater portion, of the impositions on masonic charity."

Bro. PENNINGTON has been ably assisted in his labors by Bro. C. R. FITZ GERALD of Buffalo, Bro. H. JONES of San Francisco, by the Secretary of this Board, and by several other enthusiastic brethren. We hope to make professional masonic mendicancy an almost impossible thing; but in order to succeed we must have the support and co-operation of *all* the lodges in this City and Brooklyn. A simple plan will accomplish a good result; every lodge in the two cities having applicants for relief should send the name of the applicant, the lodge from which he claims to hail, and a short description of him, to the Secretary of this Board, not only that a proper list could be kept by him, but that he could send immediate notice to the lodge in case the applicant was an improper subject for relief.

We are informed that objection has been made to the pithy and facetious notices of "Warning" sent out by our Secretary. That officer says his only object in thus wording his notices is to attract the attention of brethren to the name, lodge, and description, so that they may be remembered and the fraud caught. The question might well be asked: What consideration is an impostor entitled to that his feelings (!) should be spared?

The Board has during the year continued the policy of sending applicants to their homes in foreign countries, when so desired by them, rather than pay the cost of their maintenance here for an indefinite time, or until information could be obtained as to their masonic worthiness. The number so sent was eleven.

No application has been made to us during the year for burial in the Board of Relief plot at Cypress Hills Cemetery, and in consequence we have not been subjected to any expenditure upon that account.

We feel impelled to reiterate the reasons why our Board should receive the support of all the lodges in this City, in order that they may fully understand the objects in view and the advisability of sustaining an organization of the kind in this metropolis. The advantages, published last year, are as follows:

1. It keeps applicants away from lodges;
2. It has more time and better opportunities to investigate cases;
3. Its delegates and officers gain much experience, and are therefore better qualified to judge as to the merits and needs of each case;
4. It discovers impostors and publishes them as such;
5. It assumes the responsibility of masonic charitable relief, and acts as the almoner of the lodges contributing to it;
6. It reduces the actual cost of charitable disbursement to the minimum;
7. It acts promptly and effectively in cases in which single lodges could not conveniently act;
8. It has sums of money in hand to accomplish purposes that lodges are not justified in undertaking;
9. Its system is such that adequate relief can be afforded at any hour, on any day of the week;
10. It furnishes employment to a large number of applicants, and places tools in their hands to enable them to earn their own livelihood. In short, what the lodges, in the nature of things, cannot do, the Board of Relief can do for them.

Notwithstanding the rich and tasteful fittings of the new Reading Room, the Trustees of the Hall and Asylum have graciously continued the permission, granted to this Board by their predecessors, to hold their meetings there, for which courtesy we are under obligations. The Library Room, with its recent much needed and admirable attachment, affords superior facilities for the proper transaction of our business. The transactions of the various Grand Bodies

throughout the United States and elsewhere afford this Board necessary information to establish the truth or falsity of an applicant's statement. By access to this store of information we have been able to act promptly in cases that otherwise would have required tedious correspondence and investigation. It is therefore in the interest of this Board and its purposes that we are permitted to avail ourselves of the facilities the Library Room offers. Our thanks are also due to Deputy Grand Master LAWRENCE for kindly interest in our welfare, and for earnest effort to induce lodges to take greater pains to ascertain what our Board is accomplishing in the way of masonic good.

At the annual election, held May 29, 1884, the following named brethren were elected officers of the Board :

W.: Bro.	JOHN R. POPE.....	Amity Lodge.....	President.	
"	THOMAS MOORE.....	Copestone Lodge.....	1st Vice President.	
R.: W.: Bro.	HERMAN CANTOR.....	King Solomon Lodge.....	2d	"
	Bro. GUIDO FURMAN.....	Prince of Orange	" ..3d	"
R.: W.: Bro.	WM. DELAMATER.....	Alma	" ..Secretary.	
	Bro. HENRY F. HECKNER.....	Kane	" ..Treasurer.	
W.: Bro.	WM. MUNZER.....	Tecumseh	"	} Finance Committee.
"	MORRIS BRILL.....	Empire City	"	
"	GEO. W. LAWRIE.....	Crescent	"	

W.: Bro. WILLIAM MUNZER, one of the Finance Committee, and a most enthusiastic worker in masonic charity, suddenly died in September last; and the vacancy was filled by the appointment of Bro. GLOVER C. ARNOLD of Holland Lodge. Bro. MUNZER was comparatively a young mason, but he was imbued with the true spirit of masonry, as its votaries understand it. He labored faithfully and well in behalf of this Board, and contributed liberally of his time and money toward the advancement of masonic principles. We could poorly afford to lose so ardent a champion and so good a mason.

The officers of the Board, without exception, have been faithful and persevering in the prosecution of their several labors, and deserve the unstinted praise of those whose almoners they were.

It would seem almost needless to call the attention of Grand Lodge and yourself to the fact that, though charity be the corner-stone of the masonic edifice, and that benevolence is taught by precept and example to all masons, there is much to be done by the brethren everywhere to maintain their reputation in this particular. The Board has established a certain system in regard to the treatment of all applicants for relief, but it has not sufficient funds to enable them to be generous to special deserving cases. Were it proper to mention instances in which liberal donations would have accomplished greater good, we could give them in large numbers. As it is we are forced to be economical in cases where economy would seem to be bordering upon niggardliness. The apparently large balance in hand must be held for emergencies. When the Board was organized it was thought prudent and wise to gather together a fund from which to relieve the distressed of our fraternity in cases requiring extensive outlays. The policy of maintaining a moderate balance does not at first sight appear a good one; but when we consider that an epidemic may arise (as is feared the coming summer) which would require a large expenditure for burials and the maintenance of families during sickness, we must conclude that our balance is little enough. In addition to this, it will be noticed that our balance in hand May 14, 1883, was \$927.01, one year later it had dwindled to \$597.23, proving clearly that less than one year

of more than ordinary expenditure would completely decimate the balance. If an applicant were met at the door of the relief-room with the statement that there was plenty of sympathy for him but no money, the Board of Relief would die a sudden, ignominious, and deserved death. We must guard against such a calamity by every proper means. In view of the large number of foreign masons (see statistical table) demanding relief and the limited sum we have for all, we feel under an obligation to ask aid from Grand Lodge. It is accordingly fraternally suggested that Grand Lodge would do well to donate the sum of Three Hundred Dollars to our Board—said sum to be applied solely to the relief of foreign masons. Knowing well the pecuniary burdens the craft in this State are compelled to sustain, we do not feel justified in advancing arguments in favor of such a donation, and content ourselves by merely suggesting it.

In lieu of such action by Grand Lodge, another suggestion is fraternally offered, but whether the proposition be constitutional or not is a question for decision by competent authority. The suggestion is: that Grand Lodge take such legislative action as would tend to make masonic charitable disbursement to sojourners as a matter of compulsion as well as of duty. Lodges in this city now say they can disburse their own charity. So they can, for the Board of Relief and its contributing lodges have made the task a sinecure. We hear members of lodges say they have no applicants. Of course not, because the Grand Secretary and others (very properly) send applicants at once to the officers of the Board, and the lodges never hear of them except in cases of impostors, published at the expense of the Board. We are free to say that, in our judgment, a disgrace rests upon those lodges that calmly look upon the bestowal of charity by their generous sisters, and give neither a dollar or a word of encouragement to them. We have worked honestly and earnestly in the endeavor to get our methods a fair hearing, and we believe the circumstances justify us in using apparently strong language in this connection.

At this late day our Board does not need to publicly explain any of its work. Our books are open, our meetings are public, the officers are glad to welcome investigation from every masonic source, and our delegates are influenced by fair dealing and the best motives. The methods of the Board have withstood criticism for more than five years, and to-day we have more contributing lodges than when we organized. And yet, strange as it may appear, more than two-thirds of our lodges, preaching charity at every meeting, remain aloof from us. Must this be allowed to continue without the protest and vigorous action of Grand Lodge? The continued usefulness, as well as existence, of this organization, has been a constant struggle on the part of those who believe masonic charity is something more than a mere figure-head or decoration. How long this enthusiasm will exist as an animating force is a problem of more or less speedy solution.

The table hereto appended and forming part of this report is worthy of careful examination. From it we learn that the percentage of foreign masons applying for relief was 68.50; the per cent of foreign masons relieved was 70.00; and the per cent of money donated to foreign applicants was 69.00. An examination will reveal several important facts in regard to organized charitable disbursement, and is earnestly recommended for that reason.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN B. POPE, *President.*

WM. DELAMATER, *Secretary.*

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Location of Lodges.	Number Applicants.			Number Relieved.			Amounts Donated.			Average to Applicants.
	Male.	F'male	Total.	Male.	F'male	Total.	Male.	Female.	Total.	
<i>United States.</i>										
Arkansas.....	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Connecticut.....	3	.....	3	2	.....	2	\$3 00	.....	\$3 00	\$1 50
California.....	4	.....	4	1	.....	1	10 00	.....	10 00	10 00
Dist. of Columbia.	1	.....	1	1	.....	1	2 00	.....	2 00	2 00
Illinois.....	5	1	6	4	1	5	24 62	\$2 00	26 62	5 32
Indiana.....	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Iowa.....	.....	8	8	.....	7	7	.....	56 50	66 50	8 00
Kansas.....	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Kentucky.....	4	.....	4	2	.....	2	20 00	.....	20 00	10 00
Maine.....	5	.....	5	5	.....	5	13 69	.....	13 69	2 74
Maryland.....	1	6	7	1	2	3	2 59	10 00	12 50	4 16
Massachusetts.....	6	1	7	5	1	6	40 90	3 00	43 90	7 32
Michigan.....	2	.....	2	2	.....	2	6 00	.....	6 00	3 00
Missouri.....	10	1	11	8	1	9	27 35	20 00	47 35	5 26
New Jersey.....	1	.....	1	1	.....	1	2 00	.....	2 00	2 00
New York.....	12	13	25	4	4	8	17 00	20 50	37 50	4 68
Ohio.....	4	.....	4	2	.....	2	35 00	.....	35 00	17 00
Oregon.....	2	.....	2	2	.....	2	4 00	.....	4 00	2 00
Pennsylvania.....	1	.....	1	1	.....	1	5 00	.....	5 00	5 00
South Carolina.....	1	.....	1	1	.....	1	10 00	.....	10 00	10 00
Tennessee.....	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Vermont.....	1	.....	1	1	.....	1	1 50	.....	1 50	1 50
Virginia.....	7	.....	7	4	.....	4	14 50	.....	14 50	3 62
Total.....	73	31	104	47	16	63	\$239 08	\$112 00	\$351 08	\$5 57
<i>England and its Territories.</i>										
England.....	52	17	69	35	16	51	\$207 00	\$94 25	\$301 25	\$5 91
Scotland.....	24	1	25	19	1	20	77 25	3 75	81 00	4 05
Ireland.....	35	4	39	20	.....	20	91 50	.....	91 50	4 57
Nová Scotia.....	8	.....	8	7	.....	7	37 00	.....	37 00	5 28
Canada.....	5	3	8	4	2	6	13 54	14 00	27 54	4 69
Bengal.....	3	.....	3	3	.....	3	9 00	.....	9 00	3 00
Queensland.....	3	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Calcutta.....	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
West Indies.....	3	.....	3	2	.....	2	9 98	.....	9 98	4 99
East Indies.....	1	.....	1	1	.....	1	5 00	.....	5 00	5 00
New South Wales.....	6	.....	6	3	.....	3	20 00	.....	20 00	6 66
Cape Town.....	3	.....	3	1	.....	1	5 00	.....	5 00	5 00
Isle of Malta.....	1	.....	1	1	.....	1	65	.....	65	65
Total.....	145	25	170	96	19	115	\$475 92	\$112 00	\$587 92	\$5 11
<i>France</i>	3	2	5	1	1	2	\$20 00	\$10 00	\$30 00	\$15 00
Roumania.....	9	.....	9	6	.....	6	18 00	.....	18 00	3 00
Denmark.....	3	.....	3	3	.....	3	19 00	.....	19 00	6 33
Sweden.....	1	.....	1	1	.....	1	5 00	.....	5 00	5 00
Venezuela.....	2	.....	2	1	.....	1	15 00	.....	15 00	15 00
Peru.....	7	.....	7	4	.....	4	22 50	.....	22 50	5 62
Egypt.....	8	.....	8	4	.....	4	21 00	.....	21 00	5 25
Brazil.....	.....	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hungary.....	2	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Germany.....	7	.....	7	6	.....	6	22 00	.....	22 00	3 66
Cuba.....	3	.....	3	1	.....	1	32 00	.....	32 00	32 00
Switzerland.....	1	.....	1	1	.....	1	5 00	.....	5 00	5 00
Holland.....	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Without claim.....	1	4	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	48	8	56	28	1	29	\$179 50	\$10 00	\$189 50	\$6 53
Grand Total.....	266	64	330	171	36	207	\$894 48	\$234 00	\$1128 48	\$5 45

BARTHOLDI MONUMENT.

CEREMONY OF LAYING THE CORNER-STONE OF THE
PEDESTAL OF THE STATUE "LIBERTY ENLIGHTENING
THE WORLD," BY THE GRAND LODGE OF FREE AND
ACCEPTED MASONS, OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, AT
BEDLOE'S ISLAND, AUGUST 5, 1884.

PRESENT.

M. W.	WILLIAM A. BRODIE.....	Grand Master.
R. W.	FRANK R. LAWRENCE.....	Deputy Grand Master.
"	JOHN W. VROOMAN.....	Senior Grand Warden.
"	FLOYD CLARKSON.....	as Junior Grand Warden.
"	JOHN BOYD.....	Grand Treasurer.
"	EDWARD M. L. EHLERS.....	Grand Secretary.
"	CHARLES W. CAMP.....	Grand Chaplain.
"	JOHN R. SCHLICK.....	Grand Marshal.
"	JOHN C. GRAVES.....	Grand Standard Bearer.
"	EDWARD H. WARKER.....	as Grand Sword Bearer.
"	JAMES D. CARSON.....	Senior Grand Deacon.
"	JOHN H. BONNINGTON.....	as Junior Grand Deacon.
"	CHARLES E. LANSING.....	Grand Steward.
"	RODERICK CAMPBELL.....	Grand Steward.
"	ROBERT ROBERTS.....	as Grand Steward.
"	THOMAS PATTERSON.....	as Grand Steward.
"	GEORGE H. RAYMOND.....	Grand Lecturer.
"	HERMAN G. CARTER.....	Grand Librarian.
"	GEORGE SKINNER.....	Grand Pursuivant.
"	JOHN HOOLE.....	Grand Tiler.
"	CHARLES W. CARPENTER.....	D. D. G. M. Second District.
"	SYDNEY F. WALKER.....	" Third "
"	JOHN STEWART.....	" Fourth "
"	THEODORE F. TILTON.....	" Seventh "
"	JOHN K. REED.....	" Eighth "
"	OSCAR L. EASTMAN.....	" Tenth "
"	GEORGE B. DAVIS.....	" Twentieth "
"	GEORGE F. HEIDET.....	D. D. G. M. French, etc., District.
"	WM. SHERER.....	Commissioner of Appeals.
"	THEO. PRATT.....	Trustee H. and A. Fund.
M. W.	JOHN W. SIMONS.....	Past Grand Master.
"	ELLWOOD E. THORNE.....	Past Grand Master.
R. W.	ROBERT MACOY.....	Past Deputy Grand Master.
"	DANIEL SICKELS.....	Past Junior Grand Warden.
"	WILLIAM PETERKIN.....	Past D. D. G. M.
"	ROBERT BONYNGE.....	"
"	LAWRENCE WELLS.....	"
"	FRED. H. WIGHT.....	"
"	JAMES M. MCGREGOR.....	"
"	ANTHONY YEOMANS.....	"
"	CYRUS O. HUBBELL.....	"

R. W. Wm. T. WOODRUFF.....	Past Commissioner of Appeals.
" FRANK MAGEE.....	Past Grand Steward.
" THOMAS G. RIGNEY.....	Past Grand Standard Bearer.
" ALBERT G. GOODALL.....	Representative G. L. of England.
" CHARLES F. BAUER.....	Representative G. L. Zur Eintracht.

Together with a large concourse of brethren, officers of the army and navy, members of foreign legations, and distinguished citizens.

PROGRAMME.

1. Prayer.
2. Music by United States Depot Band—Marseillaise, Hail Columbia.
3. Masonic Ceremony.

PROCLAMATION.

Grand Master—R. W. Senior Grand Warden: This emergent Grand Lodge is convened at the request of proper authority, for the purpose of depositing with the ancient forms of masonry the corner-stone of Pedestal of the Bartholdi Statue of "Liberty Enlightening the World," which is here to be erected. It is my will and pleasure, therefore, that proclamation be made to the end that due order and decorum be observed by the brethren present during the service which we are about to undertake.

Senior Grand Warden—R. W. Junior Grand Warden: It is the order of the M. W. Grand Master that this corner-stone be now laid with masonic honors. This, his will and pleasure, you will proclaim to all present, that due order and solemnity may be observed.

Junior Grand Warden—Brethren and all who are present: Take notice that the M. W. Grand Master will now deposit this corner-stone in masonic form. You will observe the order and decorum becoming the important ceremonies in which we are about to engage.

Grand Master—The first duty of masons, in any undertaking, is to invoke the blessing of the Great Architect of the Universe upon their work. Brethren, let us pray.

Prayer by the Grand Chaplain, R. W. CHARLES W. CAMP.

Grand Master—R. W. Grand Secretary, you will read a list of the contents of the box.

Grand Secretary—List of articles placed in the box, deposited under the corner-stone of the Pedestal of the Statue of "Liberty Enlightening the World":

One bronze medal struck in honor of General GEORGE WASHINGTON, 1776.

Nineteen bronze medals, from United States mint, representing the following named Presidents of the United States, viz.: THOMAS JEFFERSON, JOHN ADAMS, JAMES MADISON, JAMES MONROE, JOHN QUINCY ADAMS, ANDREW JACKSON, MARTIN VAN BUREN, JOHN TYLER, JAMES K. POLK, ZACHARY TAYLOR, MILLARD FILLMORE, FRANKLIN PIERCE, JAMES BUCHANAN, ABRAHAM LINCOLN, ANDREW JOHNSON, ULYSSES S. GRANT, RUTHERFORD B. HAYES, JAMES A. GARFIELD, CHESTER A. ARTHUR.

Seven coins of the United States, proofs from the United States Mint, issue of 1884.

One specimen of United States half-dollar, 1824, with effigies of WASHINGTON and LAFAYETTE stamped upon the faces.

One silver medal commemorative of erection in Central Park of the Egyptian Obelisk, 1881.

One medal commemorative of the erection of the New York and Brooklyn Suspension Bridge.

A copy of the Constitution of the United States.

A copy of the Declaration of Independence of the United States, July 4, 1776.

A copy of the Farewell Address of WASHINGTON to the people of the United States, dated September 17, 1797.

A portrait (photographic) of Monsieur AUGUSTE BARTHOLOI.

A copy of the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Lodge, F. and A. M., of the State of New York.

A list (on parchment) of the Grand Lodge, F. and A. M., of the State of New York.

A copy of the *New York Maritime Register* for July 30, 1884.

A copy of the poem to "Liberty," by E. R. JONES.

A copy of the "Song to Liberty," by HARRY KENNEDY.

A copy of the Constitution of the "Sons of the Revolution."

A copy of the poem to "Liberty Enlightening the World," by JAMES M. STEWART.

An engraving and description of the New York Produce Exchange building.

An engraving of the Washington building, No. 1 Broadway.

A photograph of the *Herald* building, New York City.

Specimen numbers of several of the principal monthly magazines published in the United States.

Grand Master—R. W.: Grand Treasurer, you will now deposit the box, with its contents, in the place prepared for its reception.

The working tools were presented to the Grand Master by the Principal Architect, and distributed to the Grand Officers. The Grand Master spread the mortar, and placed the stone in position, during which solemn music was played.

Grand Master—R. W.: Deputy Grand Master, What is the proper jewel of your office?

Deputy Grand Master—The square.

Grand Master—What are its moral and masonic uses?

Deputy Grand Master—To square our actions by the square of virtue, and prove our works.

Grand Master—Apply the implement of your office to that portion of the foundation stone that needs to be proved, and make report.

The Deputy applied the square.

Deputy Grand Master—Most Worshipful Grand Master, I find the stone to be square. The craftsmen have performed their duty.

Grand Master—Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden, What is the jewel of your office?

Senior Grand Warden—The level.

Grand Master—What is its masonic use?

Senior Grand Warden—Morally, it reminds us of equality, and its use is to lay horizontals.

Grand Master—Apply the implement of your office to the corner-stone and make report.

Senior Grand Warden—Most Worshipful Grand Master, I find the stone to be level. The craftsmen have performed their duty.

Grand Master—Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden, What is the proper jewel of your office?

Junior Grand Warden—The plumb.

Grand Master—What is its masonic use?

Junior Grand Warden—Morally, it teaches rectitude of conduct, and we use it to try perpendiculars.

Grand Master—Apply the implement of your office to the several edges of the corner-stone and make report.

Junior Grand Warden—Most Worshipful Grand Master, I find the stone is plumb. The craftsmen have performed their duty.

Grand Master—Having full confidence in your skill in the royal art, it remains with me to finish the work (striking the stone three times with his mallet).

The stone has been tested with the proper implements of masonry. I find that the craftsmen have faithfully performed their duty, and I do declare the stone to be well formed, true and trusty, and correctly laid according to the rules of our ancient craft.

Grand Master—Let the elements of consecration be presented.

Grand Steward—Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, I present you the corn of nourishment.

Deputy Grand Master—I scatter this corn as an emblem of plenty. May the blessings of bounteous heaven be showered upon us, and inspire the hearts of the people with virtue, wisdom and gratitude.

Response by the brethren: "So mote it be."

Grand Steward—Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden, I present you the wine of refreshment.

Senior Grand Warden—I pour this wine as an emblem of joy and gladness. May the Great Ruler of the universe bless and prosper our National, State and City governments, and preserve the union of the States by a bond of friendship and brotherly love that shall endure through all time.

Response by the brethren: "So mote it be."

Grand Steward—Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden, I present you the oil of joy.

Junior Grand Warden—I sprinkle this oil as an emblem of peace. May its blessings abide with us continually, and may the Grand Master of heaven and earth shelter and protect the widow and orphan, shield and defend them from the trials and vicissitudes of the world, and so bestow his mercy upon the bereaved, the afflicted, and the sorrowing, that they may know sorrow and trouble no more.

Response by the brethren: "So mote it be."

INVOCATION.

May the all-bounteous Author of Nature bless the inhabitants of this land and of the sister republic, with whom we this day clasp hands, with an abundance of the necessities, conveniences, and comforts of life; assist in the erection and completion of this Statue of "Liberty Enlightening the World;" protect the workmen against any accident; long preserve the structure from decay; and grant to us all a supply of the corn of *nourishment*, the wine of *refreshment*, and the oil of *joy*. Amen. So mote it be.

GRAND HONORS.

The Grand Master then delivered to the Architect the implements of architecture.

Worthy Sir: Having thus, as Grand Master of Masons, in the State of New York, laid the foundation-stone of this structure, I now deliver into your hands the implements of your profession, intrusting you with the superintendence and direction of the work, having full confidence in your skill and capacity to conduct the same.

ADDRESS BY M. W. WILLIAM A. BRODIE, GRAND MASTER.

Men and Brethren here assembled: Be it known unto you, that we be lawful masons, true and faithful to our country, and engaged by solemn obligations, to erect magnificent buildings, to be serviceable to the brethren, and to fear God, the Great Architect of the Universe. We have among us, concealed from the eyes of all men, secrets which cannot be divulged, and which have never been found out; but these secrets are honorable, and not repugnant to the laws of God or man. They were intrusted, in peace and honor, to the masons of ancient times, and having been faithfully transmitted to us, it is our duty to convey them unimpaired to the latest posterity.

Unless our craft were good, and our calling honorable, we should not have lasted for so many generations, nor should we have been honored with the patronage of so many illustrious men in all ages, who have ever shown themselves ready to promote our interests and defend us from all adversaries. We are assembled here to-day in the face of you all to erect a statue representing liberty enlightening the world, a work of art grand in its conception and birth. As AUGUSTE BARTHOLDI sailed into the bay of New York, a few years ago, the sight of the great city before him was grand, but grander the thought which found lodgment in his mind, of placing at this entrance to the continent, something that would welcome to these shores all who love and seek liberty, and the thought at this time crude though grand, gave birth to this statue; grand in its figure—colossal in size; grand in its practical use—lighting the storm-tossed mariner to a safe harbor, and grand in its very name and the significance thereof—“Liberty Enlightening the World.” “liberty” of thought, of conscience, of action, that true liberty that is not license, but which finds its highest development in obedience to constituted authorities and law; “enlightening”—how necessary enlightenment to true liberty and the highest appreciation thereof; “world”—yes, to the whole world does our continent open its arms and bid it welcome to the blessings of liberty.

The question may and no doubt will be asked, Why call upon the masonic fraternity to lay the corner-stone of such a structure as is here to be erected?

This fraternity is called upon to lay the corner-stones of public edifices in this country, as has been answered—

First, because it has become a common law practice the world over; the adoption of a custom so ancient that the memory of man cannot run to the contrary; a custom which prevailed centuries before modern secret societies were thought of.

Secondly, because the masonry of the present day is but ancient operative masonry, with the operative portion dropped and the speculative retained. And as our ancient brethren erected grand old works of architecture that adorn the cities of the world, and which have come down to us covered with the mold and moss of centuries, or lie in ruin's silent data, so ancient that history fails to reach back to the distant point—so in a speculative sense, the masonic fraternity of the present age are called upon to erect the magnificent works of modern architecture, by laying the corner-stones thereof.

But there is a special reason why we should be called upon for this special duty of to-day.

No institution has done more to promote liberty and to free men from the trammels and chains of ignorance and tyranny than freemasonry, and we as a fraternity take an honest pride in depositing the corner-stone of the pedestal of the statue of

“Liberty Enlightening the World.”

And which we pray God may deserve to prosper by becoming a beacon light of liberty to all men and promoting harmony and brotherly love throughout the world till time shall be no more. Amen.

ADDRESS BY R.: W.: FRANK R. LAWRENCE, DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

In the limited time allotted it is impossible to more than briefly glance at the thoughts suggested by the lofty theme to-day before us. The subject which occasions the present ceremonial is of deep concern to all the nation, and while in some of its aspects particularly interesting to us as masons, it is chiefly as citizens, partaking and rejoicing in whatever contributes to the prosperity or the glory of our country, that we find pleasure in the contemplation of this stupendous undertaking. As an evidence of the regard in which our craft is held, it is highly gratifying to us to have been invited to participate in this important proceeding, for while as masons we carefully abstain from taking any part in the affairs of the government, yet it has, from time immemorial, been the custom of our fraternity, upon proper request, to lay with ancient forms the foundation stones of structures intended for the public good. This corner-stone has been duly laid in accordance with ancient usage. As masons we regard the commencement, and shall watch the progress and hail the completion of this undertaking with the profoundest satisfaction, for we find associated with it ideas which call forth our warmest sympathy, and bring the spirit of its founders closely into communion within our own.

The first qualification essential in one who seeks admission to our fraternity is that the breath of liberty must have nourished and inspired him from the hour of his birth. To bondsmen and slaves masonic light has ever been denied. To be made a mason a man must be free-born, and in every manner qualified for a career of usefulness in the community of which he is a member, and hence it is that we regard whatever tends to the advancement of human freedom, or to the benefit of good government, as being also beneficial to the masonic institution. This enterprise, strongly appealing to the national feeling of our country, highly calculated to stimulate the patriotism of all our people, prominently illustrating the devotion of two great peoples to their dearest principles, has for us a significance of especial solemnity. It fills our hearts with joyful anticipations of the coming of a period when the fundamental tenets of our fraternity may receive universal recognition and acceptance.

The masonic institution, of which it is our privilege to be members, exists for the elevation of humanity. Itself a science, engaged in the search of divine truth, it practices the principles of benevolence and love, obeys the law of reason and equity, and strives to fulfill the sacred mission of peace on earth and good-will to men. It represents neither class, creed, nor race, but the free and enlightened of all creeds, classes, and races alike. From distant ages masons have been conspicuous participants in peaceful undertakings intended for the public welfare. The structures of their creation in ancient times sufficiently attest alike their public spirit and their skill. In the present age the labors of the fraternity are speculative rather than operative, and its co-operation is frequently asked in the performance of ceremonies such as have to-day been rendered.

Never, since the building of the temple of Solomon, have masons participated in a work more exalted than that now in progress upon this spot. The colossal statue to be placed upon this massive base is grand in its origin, its execution, and its proportions; grand, as representing a pure and ennobling friendship

between two great nations of free men, at peace with one another, and at peace with all the world, who, thus happily circumstanced, erect an enduring monument to typify and illustrate to all the earth their love of liberty. To us, as masons, this event evidences the growth of principles we hold most dear, and we would fain regard it as presaging the coming of a time when the love of man for his fellow-man shall unite all the races of the earth in one great brotherhood, when men of all nations shall commingle and vie with one another in the promotion of liberty and the enlightenment of mankind.

If this hope is too sanguine, we may at least regard the erection of this statue, and the circumstances by which its creation is surrounded, as manifesting a remarkable extension of the principles we cherish, for never before has a similar event occurred, and in no previous age has the occurrence of such an event been possible. When last the masonic fraternity assembled in the city of New York by order of the Grand Master, to perform a duty similar to that devolved upon us to-day, the event was rare and unexampled. A monument of great antiquity, erected three thousand years before the discovery of America by Columbus, had been removed from its original site, and after being conveyed, entire and uninjured, almost a quarter of the distance round the globe, had arrived in this country as a gift from the ruler of Egypt to the city of New York. Our admiration was compelled alike by the skillful workmanship displayed in the construction of the monument itself, and by the astonishing ingenuity exercised in its conveyance to our shores; and in the ease with which this great mass was removed from one continent to another we found a most pointed illustration of the extent to which modern inventions have broken down the boundaries by which nations are divided.

The presence among us of that venerable column seemed as a link to bind the present to the far distant past, and when the craftsmen gathered to lay the corner-stone of the original foundation upon which the obelisk was to be replaced, the occasion seemed of unequalled interest and the reflections aroused of extraordinary sublimity. But in the age in which we live one great event succeeds another with marvellous rapidity, and scarcely has the active recollection of what seemed a rare and unexampled occurrence had time to grow dim ere we have been called upon to assist in the proceedings preparatory to the erection of another monument, which resembles its predecessor to the extent that it also comes to us from a foreign country, and also as a public gift. Apart from these features of resemblance, the event of which our proceedings to-day are a part is infinitely more important and august. Again, the vicinity of our metropolis is to be beautified, and in the present instance by a structure which, when completed, will form one of the wonders of the world.

The offering which we are now to receive comes from one people to another. In its origin and construction it expresses the exploits of modern science and art, and in the majestic thought which it loftily embodies it suggests the still higher achievements which we believe the future holds in store. It is the gift of France to America—the spontaneous offering of the people of one to the people of the other of the two great nations which to-day upon the earth vindicate the right of man to govern himself. Thus the presentation to the American people of this statue is lifted far above the level of ordinary transactions, and will be memorable, not only during the present age, but through all the future, as long as the annals of history shall be preserved. It is altogether a gift without a parallel. Grand in idea, colossal in proportions, worthy the greatness of both giver and recipient.

Massive as the statue is—its dimensions greatly exceeding those of the largest *colossi* erected by the ancients—its physical proportions sink into comparative obscurity when contrasted with the nobility of its conception. Liberty Enlight-

ening the World! How lofty the thought! To be free, is the first, the noblest aspiration of the human breast. And it is now a universally admitted truth that only in proportion as men become possessed of liberty, do they become civilized, enlightened, and useful.

Of liberty, in the highest, purest sense, we are already the fortunate possessors, and this great monument will symbolize to us not only high anticipations for the future, but glorious promises of the past, now happily realized. Never were men better fitted for the enjoyment of liberty or better able to avail themselves of its advantages; never was there a brighter prospect of its long continuance than exists at present in this happy and favored land; but while in possession of all the blessings of freedom, we should remember that unless supported by virtue and directed by wisdom, even this choice gift may become the means of unmeasured evil, and that to assure its continuance to ourselves and our descendants, it is indispensably necessary that we sedulously cultivate and scrupulously maintain the patriotic virtues through which alone it was originally acquired.

As masons, we cannot appropriate to ourselves alone the lessons which this monument will teach. Not only to us, but to all men will it appeal. Not only to the half a million masons within this country, not only to the fifty millions of its inhabitants, but to all the countless myriads of the earth's people; toiling, aspiring, looking ever toward the light; the gigantic figure which is here to stand in unapproachable grandeur while the centuries pass, will command:

"Be noble, and the nobleness that lies
In other men, sleeping, but never dead,
Will rise in majesty to meet thine own."

4. **Masonic Music—Old Hundredth.**

5. **Salute of twenty-one guns from the Battery of Old Fort Wood.**

6. **ADDRESS BY MONS. ALBERT LEFAIVRE**

GENTLEMEN OF THE UNITED STATES: Nothing can be more gratifying to us, as representatives of the French republic in this country, than the spectacle of so large and distinguished an assemblage gathered for a ceremony which testifies to the friendship of our two nations. This concourse is an eloquent proof of your kind feeling for the French nation, and will be cheerfully welcomed in France, not only as a pleasant recollection of fraternity in war during the last century, but as a promise and guarantee in the future of an eternal alliance, and of mutual good-will between the two republics.

Gentlemen of the United States, we distinguish in this solemnity your ancient feelings of friendship for our country. We distinguish also a patriotism worthy of our illustrious ancestors and beneficial to all the members of the human family.

In a few weeks, transported by a French ship-of-war, the Statue of Liberty will raise her radiant head on this spot and illuminate these beautiful shores. That symbol will give to this harbor a new and singular majesty.

Travelers arriving from Europe and setting foot on your soil will be impressed on beholding it with the moral greatness of your institutions, of your social character, of your civilization.

In this beacon illuminating the New World, they will discern a protection far more effective than our fortresses, our guns, our standing armies. This protection resides in the fellow-feelings of fifty millions of freemen.

In this emblem we see the foredawning of a new era for mankind, where

nations will no more be ruled by material force, but where right and wisdom will prevail and give final verdicts in civil and international conflicts. Are these prospects dreams of our imagination? Be it so; but what dreams of a past age are not surpassed by the present realities? Iron gates, cannons, all the forces of material power did not stop the emancipations of the human race.

"Skeptical smiles will not arrest the progress of fraternity."

But the leading virtue of the American people which will be recorded in history and admired by posterity, is that at all times and under the most critical circumstances, they have professed a firm and immovable faith in Liberty, not only as a standard of human dignity and as the greatest gift of Providence, but they believe in her as in a sovereign and magic power for the solution of all political and social difficulties. We find this belief manifested by all your orators, writers, and poets.

They express the warmest sympathies for the misery and degradations of suffering nations; all resent the bondage of human beings as an insult to their own character. But they do not entrust the cure of this human evil to the wisdom or the generosity of any king, warrior, or statesman. They confide in Liberty herself.

This confidence was nobly expressed by your illustrious WHITTIER some years before the momentous war which, after many heroic struggles and unequal gallantry on both sides, ended in the emancipation of five millions of human brethren. This religious faith was perfectly justified. For under the pressure of the most serious disasters, and when on the verge of ruin and dismemberment, the legislative and the executive power of the United States never yielded to the temptation of discretionary power. They excelled the Roman Senate, which sometimes, in periods of great danger, took refuge in a dictatorship. The American government never suspended the reign of the law. It never resorted to proscriptive measures, and after the conclusion of the great struggle it entrusted to Liberty the task of healing the wounds caused by the war. And how great, how glorious was the result of this reliance! It raises your nation to a degree of strength and prosperity which no conquerors, no celebrated statesmen in ancient or modern times ever attained.

Gentlemen of the United States, I think that the immigrant from France, for whom you are at this moment pre-empting a homestead on Bedloe's Island, the Goddess of Liberty, will feel at home in your country. But, we hope she will inspire the citizens of the United States with a kind recollection of her origin and her native land.

She will express to you during centuries and forever, our friendly feelings toward your people and your institutions. She will, before the world, represent the community of principles of two great nations, united by the love of liberty—not as a privilege, not for selfish uses and purposes, but for the benefit of all the human race, for the spread of justice, intellectual power, and moral nobility.

7. Oration by WM. ALLEN BUTLER.

8. Music by United States Depot Band—Star Spangled Banner.

9. Benediction by the Right Rev. H. C. POTTER, D.D., Assistant Bishop of New York.

On motion of R. W. EDWIN GATES the Grand Master's address was referred to a special committee of three for subdivision and reference.

R.: W.: EDWIN GATES, W.: JOSEPH J. LITTLE and W.: GEORGE W. ATWELL, were appointed such committee.

On motion of W.: JOHN H. QUINBY, 2000 copies of the Grand Master's address were ordered printed for distribution at this Annual Communication.

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY.

R.: W.: EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, Grand Secretary, presented the following report which was received, and its several subjects referred to the Committees on Finance, Warrants, and Constitution and Statutes :

To the Grand Lodge :

There has been received by the Grand Secretary, for the year ending December 31, 1884 :

From fees and dues of lodges to April 30, 1884.....	\$85,181 25
“ certificates and diplomas.....	292 00
“ dues of members of defunct lodges.....	14 50
“ dispensations to form new lodges.....	200 00
“ sale of Monitors.....	249 00
“ sale of Transactions.....	16 60
“ fees and dues of lodges to December 31, 1884.....	55,211 92
	<u>\$141,165 27</u>

Paid Grand Treasurer..... \$188,031 38

Cash in Garfield National Bank..... 3,133 89

\$141,165 27

The following named lodges, whose dues were paid subsequent to May 1, 1885, do not appear in the printed statement prepared for your examination and scrutiny, viz. :

Date.	Name.	No.	Amt.	Date.	Name.	No.	Amt.
May 26, Ind. Royal Arch...	2	\$63 89	May 5, Speedsville	265	51 18		
“ 21, Western Star	15	30 15	“ 2, St. Andrew's.....	289	47 43		
“ 22, Fidelity.....	51	150 79	“ 26, Fish House.....	298	57 62		
June 1, Naval.....	69	108 07	June 1, Garoga.....	300	49 31		
“ 1, Rising Sun.....	103	82 97	May 14, Cuba	306	66 06		
May 26, Steuben.....	112	82 48	“ 5, Seneca Lake.....	308	41 00		
June 2, Ausable River.....	149	74 77	“ 18, Freedom.....	324	90 19		
“ 1, Clinton.....	169	48 10	“ 6, Adelphic.....	348	92 32		
“ 2, Ulster.....	193	94 20	June 2, Sandy Hill.....	372	34 17		
May 13, Joppa.....	201	140 16	May 19, Van Rensselaer..	400	89 00		
“ 2, Oriona.....	229	32 83	June 2, Genoa.....	421	62 92		
“ 15, Wellsville.....	230	96 47	“ 2, Northfield (April				
“ 6, Rising Sun.....	234	93 26	30, 1884).....	426	30 00		
“ 12, Sisco.....	259	19 83	June 2, Northfield.....	426	20 10		
June 2, Baron Steuben....	264	65 89	May 22, Huguenot	448	57 35		

Date.	Name.	No.	Amt.	Date.	Name.	No.	Amt.
May 30,	Cambridge Valley	481	52 98	June 1,	Hillsdale	612	50 92
" 29,	Wyoming	492	22 51	May 8,	Eagle	619	53 06
June 2,	Liberty	510	59 36	" 26,	Citizens'	628	98 41
May 23,	Akron	527	46 63	" 13,	Yates	675	39 53
June 2,	Hannibal	550	43 41	" 20,	Oswegatchie (1881		
" 2,	Red Creek	560	80 61	and 1882)	687	50 06	
" 2,	Franklin	562	86 85	" 26,	Fellowship	749	28 54
" 2,	Sandy Creek	564	56 41	June 2,	Savona	755	43 49
" 2,	Cœur de Lion	571	83 91	May 13,	Italia	786	60 82
" 2,	Ilion	591	178 48				
May 25,	Schenevus Valley	591	93 46	Total		\$3,133	89
June 2,	Western Light	597	30 55				

Number of Lodges in the jurisdiction	715
" " that have made returns	713
" " represented at this session	697
Number of Master Masons as per last report	71,338
Add for returns received after last report	118
Actual number at last report	71,456
Number initiated	1,890
" passed	1,981
" raised	2,119
" affiliated	435
" restored	521
Total	74,531
Number unaffiliated	1,062
" died	599
" dimitted	388
" dropped	141
" expelled	23
Total	2,913
Number of Master Masons, December 31, 1884	72,318
Gain	862

Rensselaer Lodge, No. 609, has neither made returns, paid dues, elected officers, or held any meeting for the two years last past.

In compliance with a resolution, recommended by the Committee on Warrants, and adopted by Grand Lodge, charges have been preferred against the following named lodges for non-payment of dues, viz.: Sentinel, No. 151, Jersey, No. 668, and Oswegatchie, No. 687.

The dispensations issued by the Grand Master to form two new lodges, one at Bloomingdale, Essex Co., to be known as White Face Mountain, and the other at Ausable Forks, Clinton Co., to be known as Tahawus, have been surrendered. Both lodges have complied with all the requirements of the Constitution, and their application to be enrolled among the warranted lodges of this jurisdiction should receive your favorable consideration.

Grand Lodge at its annual communication of last year directed the Grand Secretary to prepare a Past Master's certificate, the price of which was fixed at

five dollars; a plate has been engraved, five hundred copies have been printed, and while ample notice has been given that such certificates may be had on application, very few have been sold. I am of the opinion if a revenue is to be derived from the sale of these certificates the price should be reduced, and I therefore recommend that hereafter two dollars be charged therefor.

Various documents, placed in the hands of M. W. JOHN L. LEWIS, Past Grand Master, by lodges in this jurisdiction have, pursuant to your direction been returned to Grand Lodge, and are now in its archives.

Permit me to call your attention to the fact, that the amendment to Article XVI., Section 32, Subdivision 8 of the Statutes finally adopted at the last session of Grand Lodge, which changed the time of making the annual lodge returns, from May 1st to December 31st, necessitates further amendment of both Constitution and Statutes. I would therefore respectfully recommend that the Committee on Constitution and Statutes be instructed to report an amendment to Article V., Section 35 and Subdivision 5 of the Constitution, by striking out the words "first day of May," and inserting therefor the words, "thirty-first day of December," and adding after the word "Secretary" the following words, "on or before the fifteenth day of May"; also that said Committee be instructed to report an amendment to Article XVI., Section 32, Subdivision 9 of the Statutes by striking out the words "first day of May" and inserting therefor the words "thirty-first day of December."

Fraternally submitted,

EDWARD M. L. EHLERS,

Grand Secretary.

On motion of R. W. CHARLES W. CAMP the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the Committee on Hall and Asylum Fund have permission to sit during the Sessions of Grand Lodge.

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER.

R. W. JOHN BOYD, Grand Treasurer, presented the following report, which was received and referred to the Committee on Finance :

To the Grand Lodge :

The undersigned, Grand Treasurer, begs leave to submit the following statement as his report for the year, ending April 30th, 1885 :

Cash received from Grand Secretary.....	\$138,031 38
Interest received from deposits, National Citizens' Bank.....	37 67
	<u>\$138,069 05</u>

Payments as follows :

Representatives to Grand Lodge.....	\$18,975 00
Salaries	7,200 00
Rent	3,000 00
Printing, stationery, postage, and express charges.....	3,642 55
Grand Lodge Library.....	327 57
Donations	125 00
Miscellaneous committees and incidental expenses.....	680 43
Trustees of Hall and Asylum Fund.....	79,086 31
Balance on hand.....	25,032 19
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	\$138,069 05

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN BOYD, *Grand Treasurer.*

On motion of M. W. ISAAC PHILLIPS, the following resolution was adopted by a rising vote :

Resolved, That the members of the Grand Lodge learn, with the most painful regret, the recent severe and afflicting calamity which has befallen our M. W. Past Grand Master, Brother J. EDWARD SIMMONS, in the death of a beloved son—the pride and hope of his parents—and tender to him and his bereaved family their heartfelt sympathy and condolence for the irreparable loss they have sustained.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE HALL AND ASYLUM FUND.

R. W. FLOYD CLARKSON, from the Trustees of the Hall and Asylum Fund, presented the following report, which was received and referred to the Committee on Hall and Asylum Fund:

To the Grand Lodge :

THE Trustees of the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund respectfully report, that they completed their organization immediately after the last Annual Session of the Grand Lodge, by electing

FLOYD CLARKSON, - - - - - *President ;*
WILLIAM D. NICHOLS, - - - - - *Treasurer ; and*
THEOPHILUS PRATT, - - - - - *Secretary.*

That various books, papers, and securities were turned over to them by the retiring Secretary, R. W. Z. DEDERICK ; among these were \$90,000 in Income Bonds signed and sealed.

The Books consisted of a Cash Book in which the entries had evidently been made at intervals from slips or other memoranda, and a Ledger embracing only accounts of Lodges, Chapters, and Commanderies, and packages of coupons cut from the Income Bonds ; also bundles of cancelled coupons in the original envelopes sent from the Trust Companies by whom these coupons had been paid ; these had never been examined or the envelopes even opened, and the paid coupons of the First Mortgage Bonds for several years were not in the building, but had to be hunted up by the expert employed by the Trustees.

After organization, the duties that demanded the immediate attention of the Trustees, were: *To have the Books placed in perfect order.* This required the writing up of a Journal covering the transactions for eight years, that is, beginning at the exhaustive report made by R. W. Bros. THOMAS and EHLEES, and the posting of all these transactions in a Ledger, which would show the true position of the Fund in all of its items and features.

In opening these Books we found it necessary to have an account with the Grand Lodge Hall, so that the Rentals received from the occupancy of this Hall would appear; this account shows to whom it was rented, at what rates and amounts received—which aggregates during the term of the present Board to \$1,715.

The same course has been pursued with the Safes. We could find no record of the parties using the safes, and only a portion seemed to be rented, judging from the charges made upon the Ledger.

To get the desired information, it was necessary to send to everybody occupying rooms in the Temple, and ask if they were using any safe, and if so the number, and from that information seek out whether the rent had been paid or not.

A competent Bookkeeper was employed, who was occupied in this work for several months, as every entry in the Cash Book was examined and proved by such other aids as could be obtained.

An expert Bank Accountant was employed to supervise this work, and to him was given the duty of the examination of the coupon and bond accounts.

His assistant has been engaged for more than four months in pasting the Income Bonds and the coupons of both the First Mortgage and Income Bonds into suitable books. He has handled nearly 25,000 coupons, and each one four times.

The other pressing duty that demanded the attention of the Trustees, was the restoration of the Temple, and of placing the building in that degree of order and beauty that would enable the Trustees not only to furnish the accommodations desired by Lodges, Chapters and Commanderies, but also make the building worthy of the Grand Lodge.

The Trustees who were elected last summer were informed by Trustee PRATT that all necessary measurements and calculations had been made by R. F. HATFIELD, an architect employed by our predecessors, and that much time could be saved by engaging him. The original plans of the building were in the hands of the architect who planned the building, N. LEBRUN, and our predecessors had no access to them.

On inquiry, we found that no plans had been made simply for the restoration of the Temple, but that plans, specifications and estimates had been procured for an addition of one more story to the building at a cost of more than \$100,000.

Under the resolution of the Grand Lodge, the addition of another story was out of the question, and the Trustees made a contract with R. F. HATFIELD for plans, specifications, and supervision for a restoration of the building, making such modifications as would make it less liable to damage by fire and more desirable in its various appointments. His commission to be four per cent.

Contracts were made July 30th, with W. A. & F. E. CONOVER, the lowest bidders, including the mason, iron, stone, plastering and carpenter work, for \$35,180, the work to be done November 1st; and a contract was made with F. C. VOGEL for

cabinet work for \$11,075, and the entire work was expected to be done December 1st, but delays have arisen from a variety of causes, and it was not until the 1st of May following that the building was ready for use.

A few weeks after our contract with Mr. HATFIELD was signed, he presented to the Trustees a bill for services in preparing the plans, etc., under the direction of R. W. Bro. Z. DEDERICK, amounting to \$2,556.02, on which a payment of \$1,000 had been made March 29, 1884, leaving a balance of \$1,556.02, which he claimed was due him.

No one had ever hinted to the majority of the Board that such a liability existed, or was claimed to exist, and Trustee PRATT stated that the presentation of the bill was the first knowledge he had of it.

On inquiry, the Trustees ascertained that no contract was made providing for the possibility that another story might not be added,—so confident were those engaging Mr. HATFIELD that the contemplated addition would be made, that provision was made only for that.

Examining the account we found that the Commission was charged on some items for which no specifications, plans or estimates were prepared, as plumbing, gas or steam fitting,—and Mr. HATFIELD then deducted these items and sent in a corrected bill for \$2,143.52, less the \$1,000 paid, leaving a balance claimed, \$1,143.52.

The Trustees have refused to pay this claim. Some of the Trustees were willing to vote a payment of \$500 in full; they fully believed that had proper care been exercised in the beginning, plans could have been procured and estimates obtained thereon for the additional story for at least the \$1,000 paid and probably less, from several of the best architects in the city.

Mr. HATFIELD placed this claim in the hands of a lawyer, who had an interview with the President of the Board of Trustees, and then sent a communication to the Board. Under the advice of R. W. FRANK R. LAWRENCE, as counsel of the Trustees, a reply was sent to the demand, that the sum of \$500 would be paid in full satisfaction of the claim; but this offer was made without any prejudice to the rights of the Trustees.

According to the last Report, the amount of Income Bonds then out, amounted to \$153,500, and these would become due February 1, 1885; it became necessary for the Trustees to determine what portion of these could be retired, and to arrange for continuing such amounts as they might be unable to pay.

In July last, the Trustees concluded that with the \$5,000 devised to them by R. W. Bro. N. B. MOUNTFORT, they could pay \$80,000 of the Income Bond at maturity; this would leave \$73,500 to be provided for, either by extending them or by issuing new bonds. The latter course was determined upon, and accordingly the Trustees issued a circular offering new Bonds at 5 per cent. for those maturing February 1, 1885; \$40,000 at one year, and \$33,500 for two years.

On receiving the Bonds from the Executors of Bro. MOUNTFORT, it was found that they were First Mortgage Bonds, with the coupons attached, including those due on and after March 15, 1885; the Trustees, therefore, increased the amount of Income Bonds issued at one year by \$5,000; of this amount (\$78,500) \$58,800 was exchanged for Bonds, and \$19,700 were sold at par for cash. The amount issued at that time was \$45,000, payable February 1, 1886, and \$33,500 payable February 1, 1887.

We congratulate the Grand Lodge, and through them the Fraternity, that they have been able to make this large reduction—\$80,000—in the liabilities of the Fund, and also in the very material decrease in the rate of interest that we are

now paying on the new issue of Bonds. The decrease in the interest account by these two measures, being \$7,170.

Of the \$80,000 paid off, nearly \$11,000 were purchased in the early fall at their face, thereby saving the accrued interest.

The Trustees have decorated and completely furnished in a handsome manner the Library Room, and have made it a very attractive place for the Brethren to spend such time as may be agreeable to them in consulting the very many volumes that now fill the shelves of its cases, and in reading the magazines and papers that have been furnished by the subscriptions of hundreds of Brethren. To R. W. BRO. FRANK R. LAWRENCE is the credit to be given by the craft for this charming place, whither the Brethren may repair to pass a few hours in communing with the brilliant minds that have through the press sought to benefit their race.

By his suggestion and active interest, a One Dollar subscription was made by Brethren in many of the Lodges of this vicinity,—by means of which the entire cost of papers and periodicals is defrayed.

At the last Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge the sum remaining on hand belonging to the Fund received from the Insurance Companies was reported to be \$46,442.30.

But the amount actually received by the present Board of Trustees was \$46,723 25
Interest allowed by Garfield National Bank on money received for furniture loss..... 344 80

\$47,068 05

The restoration of the Temple will cost as follows :

Contract for stone, iron, mason, plasterer's and carpenter's work.	\$35,180 00
Contract for cabinet-maker's work.....	11,075 00
" organs.....	1,900 00
Plumbing work.....	459 17
Gas-fitting.....	583 74
Galvanized iron work, bill not received.....	
Painting.....	3,015 11
Gas fixtures.....	2,493 38
Upholstering.....	1,078 25
Carpets, bill not received.....	
Frescoing.....	1,600 00
Furniture.....	2,734 43
Architect.....	1,900 00
Extra contract for new Armory.....	1,390 00
Plastering in hall and lodge-rooms.....	1,425 79

\$64,834 87

This exceeds the balance on hand from fire-loss, by about \$18,000 ; but the Trustees have made material changes in the building : The large centre tower with its ninety tons resting on the iron girders, running across the building, has been removed, and a granite pediment resting on the main walls has taken its place ; the side walls and ceilings of the Commandery Room and those of the passages around it and the ceilings of the Austin Room have been made of fire-proof material, the plastering being on that. Galleries have been made in the Commandery Room. The Austin Room has been made longer, and an organ placed upon the main floor—thus greatly improving it. The tent at the entrance to the Commandery Room has been removed, and in its place a large Armory has been built.

These changes have increased the outlay, but the Trustees believe that the Grand Lodge on examining the part of the Temple now under consideration will be convinced that the increased expense has been wisely made.

The Arrearages of Rent as per last Report of the Trustees, was \$17,461.18 ; of which it was estimated that \$2,619.18 would not be collected.

Examining these arrearages, we found that

Lodges out of the Building owed.....	\$1,477 51	We have collected	\$764 18
Chapters out of the Building owed.....	580 00	"	100 00
Commanderies, "	170 83	"	170 83
A tenant of one of the stores, owed.....	2,900 00	"	500 00
Sundry items for the use of the Grand Lodge Room, was	510 00	"	
Lodges and other bodies in the building owed, Rent due May 1st, 1884.....	3,871 69	"	2,421 69
Lodges and other bodies in the building owed arrearages, some due eight years.	8,796 23	"	5,743 99
Allowance made by present Board of Trustees for errors in charging Rent and compromise with D. B. Howell & Co..		"	2,082 50
Making the sum still due of this amount left to us.....			6,523 12
	<u>\$18,306 31</u>		<u>\$18,306 31</u>

The indebtedness of D. B. HOWELL & Co., amounting to \$2,900, was compromised for \$1,000, the assurance being given that this sum would be paid as well as the current rent of \$1,200.

The \$1,000 was placed in four notes at three, six, nine, and twelve months, with the endorsement of Z. DEDERICK and JNO. F. BALDWIN.

Only one of these notes has been paid and \$300 of the rent, and consequently the Trustees required that D. B. HOWELL & Co., shall vacate the premises, and they have been rented to the Garfield National Bank.

The endorsers of these past due notes have been notified to meet the obligation or sterner measures will be taken. As this report was being closed, one of the protested notes was paid by one of the endorsers.

The indebtedness of Lodges and other bodies, which have been due for years, should have the careful consideration of the Grand Lodge. In some cases no endeavors seem to be made to pay these, especially with those out of the building.

Some of the bodies in arrears have been sufferers by the wrong acts of their officers, and it has been with much difficulty that those in power are sustaining these bodies. The Trustees have endeavored to observe the resolution of the Grand Lodge as to the collection of Rent and the duties of the Trustees when a tenant is in arrears, but the question arises, "*What shall be done to those who seem not to care?*" These bodies are not incorporated, and by the law each member is liable as in a partnership. Shall the Trustees prosecute these claims against some one or more members of these delinquent bodies, or will the Grand Lodge make the payment of the indebtedness to the Hall and Asylum Fund to be on the same plane as non-payment of Grand Lodge Dues? This latter rule can be applied only to the Lodges, but what shall be done with the Chapters or Councils?

The Grand Lodge at its last Annual Communication passed a resolution condemning the payment of \$642.07 to Trustee PRATT by the Trustees for adjusting the losses by fire.

Uncertain as to the duties and responsibilities of the Trustees in this matter, the President referred the question to R. W. Bro. R. T. GRIGGS and W. Bro. A. J. DITTENHOEFER for their opinion.

Judge DITTENHOEFER gave his opinion orally, and was to the same effect as the written opinion of Bro. GRIGGS.

In consequence of the concurrent opinions of these eminent jurists the Board made a formal demand of Trustee PRATT for \$620, (the \$22.07 being for disbursements) on the 25th of October, 1884.

To this demand R. W. Bro. PRATT made the following reply, and the whole matter is referred to your Grand Body:

"NEW YORK, February 20, 1885.

"FLOYD CLARKSON, Esq., *President Board of Trustees of M. H. & A. Fund.*

"*Dear Sir and Brother* :—In reply to your favor requesting a refunding by me to the M. Hall and Asylum Fund of \$620, paid me for adjusting the loss by fire in the Temple, December 1, 1883, would beg leave to submit the following as my reasons for not complying with the request of your Board.

"At the time I adjusted said loss, I was an adjuster of fire losses. I believe I was thus enabled to make a better settlement for the Hall and Asylum Fund than could have been made by any other adjuster not familiar with the Temple. The chargemade by me of one per cent on amount collected covered all my disbursements in the matter (except Notary's fees), including copying and other expenses necessarily entailed during nearly two months spent almost entirely in the settlement of said loss, and no part of any such expenses have ever been repaid to me beyond the one per cent embraced in the \$620.

"If at the time I adjusted the loss I had known that I was not entitled to receive any compensation, I should have been compelled to decline making the adjustment, and the Hall and Asylum Fund would thereby have been a sufferer to the extent of from two to three thousand dollars.

"In view of these facts and further reason that I have not the ability at this time to refund the amount called for, and the unquestioned fact that the Hall and Asylum Fund was largely the gainer by my acts and services, I can, I believe, reasonably ask that the matter be dropped.

"Fraternally yours,

THEOPHILUS PRATT."

The Fund is indebted June 1, 1885, as follows :

First Mortgage Bonds.....	\$395,000	
Income Bonds.....	78,500	
Total bonded debt.....		\$473,500
Accrued Interest on First Mortgage Bonds, 2½ months....	\$5,760 41	
Accrued Interest on Income Bonds, 4 months.....	1,308 33	
		7,068 74
Total Bonded Debt and Interest.....		\$480,568 74
Which is reduced by Cash on hand.....	\$288 87	
Rent due and unpaid.....	13,792 32	
		14,019 19
Total indebtedness to date.....		\$466,549 55
Total indebtedness of Fund per report June 1, 1884.....		\$536,564 10
To which should be added for amounts deducted for Rent due but not collectable :		
D. B. Howell & Co.....	\$1,900 00	
For use of Grand Lodge Room.....	510 00	
		2,410 00
Total indebtedness, June 1st, 1885.....		\$538,974 10
Decrease in debt.....		\$72,424 55

The Trustees are able to report a material increase in the rentals of the building.

The store formerly occupied by D. B. HOWELL & Co. has been rented to the Garfield National Bank, and we shall have now a regular income therefrom.

We have also had eight lodges and two chapters come into the Temple, which by reason of its adornment and thorough refitting has been made very attractive.

The rent paid by these bodies and the increase paid by the commanderies occupying the Asylum, and by the lodges occupying the Austin room, and rent received for lockers gives an increase rental of..... \$4,815 00

From this must be deducted the loss of rents, owing to three lodges leaving the Temple, as they were unable to pay the rent, by two chapters ceasing to meet, and by other chapters and commanderies meeting once a month instead of twice, this loss amounts to..... 1,620 00

Store..... \$3,195 00
1,000 00

Giving us a nett increase with the store of..... 4,195 00
And a further increase when the basement shall have been rented.

The Trustees have also been able to add \$847.96 to their income by the interest at the rate of three per cent. allowed by the New York Life Insurance and Trust Company on their deposits.

On the 7th of February last, the Trustees addressed a communication to R. W. Bro. DEDERICK, calling the attention to some errors in the books, and asking him to meet the Trustees at such time as he might designate, and make any explanation he desired. No reply being made to this, a letter was sent April 15th, asking him to meet us on the 20th of that month, but thus far he has failed to do so.

The rental received on account of this year's rent has been, from

Stores	\$16,914 72
Grand Lodge	3,000 00
Lodges	19,349 17
Chapters	3,268 35
Commanderies.....	2,467 16
Other Bodies.....	1,870 00
Grand Lodge room.....	1,715 00
Safes.....	278 35
	<hr/> \$48,862 75

And there is remaining unpaid of claims left to us, which we presume will be paid..... \$5,500 00

Rent accruing August, November, 1884, and February, 1885..... 2,695 58

" May 1st, 1885..... 3,713 62

D. B. Howell & Co..... 1,300 00

The total receipts for the year have been :

Grand Lodge fees, dues, etc	\$79,086 33
Rents as above	48,862 75
Rebate on bill	1 35
Interest on deposit.....	847 96
Interest and protest fees	6 00
New issue of bonds.....	19,700 00
Old material	102 50
Balance of cash in hand, June 1, 1884.....	11,629 73
Donations.....	45 00
Balance of insurance on building, June 1, 1884.....	27,856 05
Balance of insurance on furniture, June 1, 1884.....	18,867 20
Interest on same.....	844 80
	<hr/> \$207,349 67

The payments have been..... 207,062 80

Leaving balance of cash on hand..... 286 87

With a floating debt as near as can be determined, because all bills have not been received, of..... 19,000 00

The disbursements from June 1, 1884 to May 31, 1885, have been :

DISBURSEMENTS.

FROM JUNE 1, 1884, TO MAY 31, 1885, INCLUSIVE.

1884.

June 26, Little & Blake, repairing skylights.....	\$29 22
" 26, Garrett Ward, altering chair Grand Master's room.....	50 00
" 26, E. A. Tucket, stamps, ink, and pad.....	3 50
" 26, W. K. O'Brien, repairing and regilding frame on portrait of the late R. W. Bro. Napoleon B. Montfort.....	30 00
" 26, John J. McCue, glass shades and globe holders.....	52 00
" 26, John H. Wood, curtain fixtures.....	29 60
" 26, M. Halliday, repairing ventilators.....	18 84
" 28, Simpson, Crawford & Simpson, floor covers, crash, and towels.....	28 60
" 28, H. Forbush, salary to date.....	10 00
" 28, W. H. Rose, painting, etc.....	632 35
" 28, John Dimond, cleaning marble.....	44 50
" 28, Geo. W. Millar & Co., sheathing.....	21 43
" 28, W. H. Reed, crash and carpets.....	24 04
" 28, W. H. Hankinson, cleaning carpets.....	5 25
" 28, John H. Wood, carpet lining.....	23 00
" 28, L. C. Harrison, repairing organ Grand Lodge hall.....	25 00
" 28, Geo. P. Bryant, renovating carpets.....	19 85
" 28, Little & Blake, " columns.....	25 00
July 2, John W. Kelsey, salary for June.....	\$100 00
Employes' wages.....	376 37
Supplies furnished.....	18 58
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Supplies, balance of account as rendered to June 1, 1884.....	494 95
" 2, J. J. Monsell, upholster wages for repairing furniture.....	59 48
" 2, H. Forbush, salary to July 5th.....	41 50
" 5, S. M. Wright, mopheads and sticks.....	30 00
" 5, A. C. Clarkson, oil.....	10 20
" 5, Lord & Taylor, carpets.....	20 00
" 5, Lord & Taylor, carpets.....	45 00
" 5, John Parke, hardware, etc.....	29 24
" 5, John Simmons' Swift Lubricator.....	16 50
" 5, " ".....	16 50
" 5, Thos. A. Wilmurt, hanging picture.....	2 00
" 5, Knickerbocker Ice Co., ice.....	10 81
" 15, H. Krewolf, printing.....	75
" 15, James Lynch, awnings.....	48 00
" 15, H. Forbush, salary to July 12th.....	30 00
" 19, " " to date.....	30 00
" 19, Composite Iron Works, repairing chairs in Gr. Lodge hall..	2,044 70
" 26, H. Forbush, salary to date.....	30 00
" 28, Wm. E. Jackson, printing.....	2 25
" 28, Wm. H. Hankinson, cleaning carpets.....	25 60
" 28, Interest on Income Bonds due August 1st, deposited in Garfield National Bank.....	5,554 50
Carried forward.....	<hr/>
	\$9,614 16

1884.	Brought forward.....	\$9,614 16
July	30, John W. Kelsey, salary for July.....	\$125 00
	Employés' wages.....	359 00
	Supplies.....	14 30
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		498 30
"	30, H. E. Bowns, coal.....	885 16
"	30, R. F. Hatfield, on account of services as architect.....	700 00
Aug.	2, H. Forbush, salary to date.....	30 00
"	4, Locke & Monroe, plumbing.....	143 60
"	9, H. Forbush, salary to date.....	30 00
"	13, Income Bond, No. 73.....	500 00
"	13, L. McDermott, removing ashes.....	10 00
"	13, Knickerbocker Ice Co., ice.....	7 06
"	13, Francis & Loutrell, stationery.....	64 00
"	16, Income Bond, No. 47.....	50 00
"	16, Income Bonds, Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7, \$50 each; Nos. 58, 59, and 60, \$100 each.....	550 00
"	16, H. Forbush, salary to date.....	30 00
"	23, " ".....	30 00
"	27, D. B. Howell & Co., repairing and plating knockers.....	24 85
"	27, Municipal Gas Light Co., gas bill May 12th to August 11th.....	622 80
"	27, D. B. Howell & Co., candlesticks.....	75 00
"	30, John W. Kelsey, salary for August.....	\$100 00
	Employés' wages.....	336 00
	Supplies.....	7 05
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		443 05
"	30, H. Forbush, salary to date.....	30 00
"	30, Knickerbocker Ice Co., ice.....	7 19
"	30, John Parke, supplies.....	6 23
"	30, C. Torrey, labor.....	52 00
"	30, J. J. Wyley, labor.....	28 00
Sept.	3, Marcus Hutchison, carpenter work.....	151 92
"	3, Income Bonds, Nos. 24, 55, and 67, \$50 each.....	150 00
"	3, Postage stamps and receipt book.....	5 00
"	3, Marcus Hutchinson, carpenter work.....	239 90
"	6, H. Forbush, salary to date.....	30 00
"	13, " ".....	30 00
"	13, Interest account, amount deposited Union Trust Co. to pay coupons first mortgage bonds September 15th.....	14,000 00
"	18, Little & Blake, painting.....	110 00
"	18, Income Bond, No. 146.....	100 00
"	19, T. Blewitt, supplies.....	7 11
"	19, Hannan & Co., signs.....	28 50
"	19, Geo. P. Bryant, renovating carpets.....	2 83
"	19, A. Hammacher & Co., upholsterers' supplies.....	43 75
"	19, T. Aspinwall & Son, repairing tiling.....	6 24
"	19, American Steam Boiler Ins. Co., insuring boiler.....	150 00
"	19, H. Forbush, salary to September 20th.....	30 00
"	19, John Downey, carpenter work repairs.....	39 20
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	Carried forward.....	\$29,555 85

1884.	Brought forward	\$29,555 85
Sept.	19, J. S. Watt, supplies	20 00
"	19, James Thomson, plastering repairs.....	836 65
"	19, John Downey, carpenter work repairs	21 20
"	23, John Simmons, pipe for steam-fitting	7 78
"	27, H. Forbush, salary to date	30 00
"	27, Income Bonds, Nos. 249 and 250, \$500 each.....	1,000 00
"	27, O. C. Collier, painting Chapter room.....	190 00
"	27, B. Erickson, " Composite room.....	350 00
"	27, Geo. Jardine & Son, repairing organs.....	75 00
"	30, John W. Kelsey, salary for September.....	\$100 00
	Employés' wages.....	860 00
	Supplies	11 00
	Extra labor.....	471 00
"	30, O. Torrey, extra labor.....	17 50
"	30, J. J. Monsell "	48 00
"	30, J. J. Monsell "	25 50
"	30, Geo. Jardine & Son, repairing organ.....	100 00
Oct.	2, Income Bonds, Nos. 253 to 270 inclusive.....	9,000 00
"	4, H. Forbush, salary to date	30 00
"	4, W. H. Rose, painting Clinton and Livingston rooms	443 50
"	4, L. McDermott, carting ashes.....	10 00
"	4, M. Hutchison, carpenter work repairs	146 20
"	4, " " elevator	341 43
"	4, De Graaf & Taylor, chair Grand Secretary's office.....	24 00
"	4, Knickerbocker Ice Co., ice	9 28
"	4, Geo. W. Millar & Co, paper for covering tiling	3 05
"	4, Bramhall, Deane & Co., pully.....	1 50
"	4, Manhattan Gas Light Co., bill May 16th to September 15th.	32 17
"	4, Burnett & Co., repairing skylights.....	24 13
"	4, M. Hutchison, carpenter work.....	102 50
"	4, Little & Blake, painting	69 00
"	4, Ryan, May & Latus, gas-fitting and fixtures.....	707 00
"	4, Geo. P. Bryant, upholstering.....	80 94
"	4, Lord & Taylor, velling in Chapter room.....	27 00
"	11, H. Forbush, salary to date	30 00
"	18, " "	30 00
"	18, John H. Wood, laying carpets.....	75 00
"	18, L. Katzenbach & Co., supplies engine-room.....	12 00
"	18, John W. Parke, "	9 02
"	18, S. M. Wright, "	9 00
"	18, D. B. Howell & Co., " and repairs.....	107 40
"	18, J. J. Monsell, upholsterer " furniture.....	20 00
"	18, Postage stamps.....	1 35
"	18, Mehlman Bros., supplies	8 00
"	25, H. Forbush, salary to date	30 00
"	25, National Restoring and Renovating Co., restoring and reno- vating carpets, etc.....	948 50
"	25, W. A. & F. E. Conover, on account of contract restoring upper story Masonic Hall.....	10,000 00
	Carried forward.....	\$55,080 45

1884.	Brought forward.....	\$55,080 45
Oct. 25,	R. F. Hatfield, architect, on account.....	500 00
Nov. 1,	H. Forbush, salary to date.....	30 00
" 1,	John W. Kelsey, salary for October.....	\$125 00
	Employes' wages.....	371 00
	Supplies.....	14 85
		<hr/> 510 85
" 2,	Francis & Loutrell, stationery.....	1 00
" 2,	M. Hutchison, carpenter work.....	59 99
" 2,	" ".....	261 34
" 2,	Otis Bros. & Co., repairing elevator.....	1,435 17
" 2,	M. Hutchison, carpenter work.....	28 72
" 8,	H. Forbush, salary to date.....	30 00
" 8,	" postage stamps and brush.....	5 00
" 15,	" salary to date.....	30 00
" 15,	B. Erickson, painting Corinthian room.....	350 00
" 15,	" " " ".....	25 00
" 15,	Bramhall, Deane & Co., supplies.....	1 20
" 15,	Municipal Gas Light Co., August 11th to November 11th....	649 12
" 15,	E. Imhauser, watchman's clock.....	65 00
" 15,	Knickerbocker Ice Co., ice.....	9 38
" 15,	Manhattan Temperance Union, rebate rent.....	20 00
" 15,	James Thomson, plastering.....	98 12
" 15,	De Graaf & Taylor, repairing furniture.....	29 75
" 24,	Francis & Loutrell, scrap-books for bonds.....	78 75
" 24,	E. Imhauser, keys to watchman's clock.....	2 00
" 22,	H. Forbush, salary to date.....	30 00
Dec. 2,	A. C. Clarkson, oil.....	10 00
" 2,	T. O. Young, dusters.....	9 00
" 2,	Wm. H. Campbell, desk punch.....	3 00
" 2,	John W. Kelsey, salary for November.....	\$100 00
	Employes' wages.....	353 00
	Supplies.....	7 60
		<hr/> 460 60
" 2,	Edson Recording and Alarm Gauge Co., paper for gauge....	5 00
" 2,	Wm. H. Corsa, salary to December 1st.....	8 83
" 8,	M. Hutchison, carpenter work repairs.....	23 42
" 8,	Knickerbocker Ice Co., ice November 1st to November 30th..	8 88
" 8,	J. S. Watt, ash cans.....	20 00
" 8,	Francis & Loutrell, rubber stamps.....	3 45
" 8,	C. H. Pepper, lineoleum.....	26 58
" 15,	Wm. H. Corsa, salary to December 15th.....	19 20
1885.		
Jan. 2,	Paltrineri Yelmoni & Co., designs for hall.....	50 00
" 2,	John W. Kelsey, salary for December, 1884.....	\$100 00
	Employes' wages.....	392 00
	Supplies.....	22 00
		<hr/> 514 00
" 2,	Wm. H. Corsa, salary to December 29th.....	19 20
" 7,	Knickerbocker Ice Co., ice Dec. 1 to Dec. 31, 1884.....	8 48
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	Carried forward.....	\$69,569 96

1885.	Brought forward.....	\$60,569 96
Jan.	7, John Parke, hardware supplies.....	18 87
"	7, Little & Blake, painting library room.....	199 00
"	7, Ward, Rhinehart & Co., painting and glazing	7 87
"	7, Electric Construction & Supply Co., for annunciator and fittings for elevator.....	70 00
"	7, Marvin Safe Co, repairing safe	13 75
"	7, Wm. H. Campbell, repairing punch.....	75
"	7, H. R. Mount's Son, brushes.....	10 00
"	7, L. C. Harrison, pipes, decoration and repairs to organs. ...	170 00
"	7, Manhattan Gas Light Co., Jan. 15, 1884, to Nov. 8, 1884	4 50
"	7, " " Sept. 15, 1884, to Oct. 15, 1884....	6 52
"	7, " " Oct. 15, 1884, to Nov. 8, 1884.....	7 65
"	7, Consolidated Gas Co., November 8 to December 8, 1884.....	18 02
"	7, Geo. Jardine & Son, repairing organs.....	12 00
"	7, Railway & Bankers Engraving & Lithographing Co., lithographing 200 bonds.....	168 50
"	15, Postage stamps.....	5 00
"	22, Simpson Crawford & Simpson, curtains for library room ...	199 45
"	22, Composite Iron Works, repairing chairs Grand Lodge hall	10 00
"	22, Mehlmann Bros., brooms, soap, etc.....	11 75
"	22, Otis Bros. & Co., repairing elevator.....	30 41
"	22, Hale & Kilburn Manufacturing Co., water coolers.....	24 00
"	22, Bramhall, Deane & Co., repairing firing tools engine room..	7 00
"	22, James Blewitt, supplies engine room.....	12 20
"	30, John W. Kelsey, salary for January	\$125 00
	Employees' wages.....	399 00
	Supplies.....	10 66
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		534 66
"	30, Little & Blake, painting in chapter and lodge rooms.....	467 90
"	30, Mitchell, Vance & Co., portable light, burners and holders..	14 80
"	30, Wm. E. Jackson, note heads and envelopes.....	9 50
"	30, Water rates to Department Public Works, 6 months to October 1, 1884.....	71 40
"	30, E. A. Tucker, rubber stamps	75
"	30, W. & J. Sloane, carpets and mat, library room	892 79
"	30, New York & N. Jersey Car Starter Co., safety attachment to elevator.....	1000 00
"	30, Springsted & Mookabee, carpenter work.....	922 59
"	30, Wm. H. Corra, December 29 to January 26.....	88 40
"	30, H. H. Upham & Co., on acc't painting and decorating hallways	500 00
"	30, Springsted & Mookabee, carpenter work.....	502 45
"	30, Interest amount deposited in Garfield National Bank to pay coupons on \$142,050 10 years' Income Bonds, due February 2, 1885.....	4,971 75
"	30, Income Bonds, amount deposited in Garfield National Bank to pay 10 years' Income Bonds, due February 2, 1885.....	71,000 00
"	31, Income Bonds, amount deposited in Garfield National Bank to pay 10 years' Income Bonds, due February 2, 1885.....	5,850 00
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	Carried forward.....	\$147,845 21

1885.	Brought forward.....	\$147,845 21
Jan. 31,	Advertising payment of Ten Years' Bonds.....	14 25
Feb. 2,	Income Bonds, amount deposited in Garfield National Bank to pay bonds, due February 2, 1885.....	2,000 00
" 14,	John Nicholson, tin roofing.....	8 97
" 14,	Knickerbocker Ice Co., ice, January 1st to 31st.....	9 64
" 14,	Clarkson & Ford, oils.....	25 75
" 14,	Otis Bros & Co., repairs to elevator.....	15 80
" 14,	Alexander Brown, pointing up granite.....	64 13
" 14,	Wm. E. Jackson, printing, etc.....	3 00
" 14,	H. H. Upham & Co., painting and decorating hallways.....	1,245 00
" 14,	Lewis Amateis, repairing and rebronzing busts.....	12 00
" 14,	Francis & Loutrell, newspaper files.....	23 00
" 14,	Income Bonds deposited in Garfield National Bank, to pay bonds, due February 2, 1885.....	4,400 00
" 21,	Postage stamps, telegrams, etc.....	7 53
" 14,	W. A. & F. E. Conover, on acc't for reconstruction and resto- ration of upper story of hall.....	12,000 00
" 28,	John W. Kelsey, salary February.....	\$100 00
	Employés' wages.....	371 00
	Supplies.....	12 45
		<hr/> 483 45
" 28,	Wm. H. Corsa, services to February 23, 1885.....	38 40
Mar. 9,	De Graaf & Taylor, table, chairs, repairs, etc., library room.....	134 23
" 9,	Little & Blake, 5 lights of glass.....	9 25
" " "	putting in same.....	44 78
		<hr/> 54 03
" 9,	James Blewitt, supplies for engine room.....	9 34
" 9,	John Parke, supplies for engine room.....	10 22
" 9,	Guiseppe Tagliabue, thermometers.....	15 00
" 9,	Burnett & Co., stopper for gate in main hallway.....	4 73
" 9,	Henry Krewolf, printing.....	2 00
" 9,	Geo. F. Bassett & Co., 200 cuspadores.....	147 92
" 9,	Interest, amount deposited in Union Trust Co. to pay coupons on first mortgage bonds, due March 15, 1885.....	13,825 00
" 21,	W. A. & F. E. Conover, on account of restoration and recon- struction of upper part of hall.....	5,000 00
" 21,	James Thomson, plastering and scaffolding in hallway.....	491 02
" 21,	Little & Blake, painting hallway, Sixth avenue entrance....	566 05
" 21,	Springssted & Mockabee, carpenter work, Austin room, and small rooms on top story.....	252 67
" 21,	John W. Hesae, services examining old bonds, books, etc.,	500 00
" 25,	Water rates, Dep't of Public Works—water rent for 1884....	50 00
" 31,	John W. Kelsey, salary, March.....	\$100 00
	Employés' wages.....	399 00
	Supplies.....	13 00
		<hr/> 512 00
April 1,	Wm. H. Corsa, services February 23 to March 31.....	51 26
	Carried forward.....	\$189,816 60

1885.	Brought forward.....	\$189,816 60	
April	4, De Graaf & Taylor, repairing and re-covering sofas.....	45 00	
"	4, Clarkson & Ford, oils, etc.....	9 25	
"	4, Knickerbocker Ice Co., ice to February 28.....	8 60	
"	4, H. E. Bowna, coal bill.....	1,249 05	
"	4, R. F. Hatfield, architect, on account.....	500 00	
"	20, Horace Forbush, on account, services.....	25 00	
"	20, Gillies Brothers, ice to March 31st.....	9 08	
"	20, Composite Iron Works, opera chair hinges.....	60	
"	20, Little & Blake, painting and general repairs.....	112 90	
"	20, " " banquet room, kitchen, etc.....	181 00	
May	1, John W. Kelsey, salary, April.....	\$125 00	
	Employés wages.....	375 00	
	Supplies.....	6 05	
			506 05
"	1, Wm. H. Corra, salary, April.....	\$41 66	
	Stationery, etc.....	2 85	
			44 01
"	1, Horace Forbush, on account of services, bookkeeper.....	25 00	
"	1, John W. Kelsey, labor and cleaning top story.....	139 00	
"	4, S. M. Wright, 3 dozen moss-heads.....	9 00	
"	4, J. Wesley Smith, ice to April 1 to September 5, 1885.....	8 80	
"	4, George F. Vogel, cabinet work—restoring upper part of building.....	8,000 00	
"	9, Wm. E. Jackson, printing.....	2 75	
"	9, Little & Blake, painting, decorating, bronzing, gilding and kalsomining.....	1,111 16	
"	9, Mehlman Bros., supplies.....	11 75	
"	9, John H. Wood, repairing furniture.....	135 50	
"	9, Henry Krewolf, printing.....	1 00	
"	9, John Parke, hardware supplies.....	10 70	
"	9, John F. Baldwin, printing diagrams of Grand Lodge room.....	44 52	
"	9, Alice Stryker, type writer copies, Trustees report.....	4 80	
"	9, Raymond & Whitlock, masonic goods.....	30 00	
"	9, Henry Krewolf, printing directory cards.....	9 00	
"	9, Electric Construction & Supply Co., repairs.....	1 75	
"	9, Ryan, May & Latas, gas fixtures and repairs.....	336 38	
"	9, Simpson, Crawford & Simpson, waste paper baskets.....	18 50	
"	9, Maurice O'Brien & Son, tassels and ropes.....	25 00	
"	9, John J. McQue, globes.....	13 00	
"	9, The Houghton Manufacturing Co., alcohol burners.....	18 00	
"	9, George F. Bassett & Co., cuspadors.....	36 98	
"	9, The National Repairing and Renovating Co., repairs.....	20 00	
"	9, Henderson & Stontenborough, cuspadors.....	72 00	
"	9, E. Fritsch, repairing marble and tile work.....	97 58	
"	9, W. K. O'Brien & Bro., rods and brackets.....	39 05	
"	9, Otis Brothers & Co., repairing elevator.....	11 75	
"	9, T. Aspinwall & Son, repairing tile floors.....	110 60	
"	23, L. C. Harrison, repairing and tuning organs.....	103 00	
"	23, Consolidated Gas Co., gas, November 11, 1884 to February 11, 1885.....	\$780 45	
	February 11, 1885 to May 11, 1885.....	850 95	
			1,631 40
	Carried forward.....		\$204,585 11

1885.	Brought forward.....	\$204,585 11	
May 28,	T. Aspinwall & Son, repairing tile floor.....	4 12	
" 28,	The Yale & Towne Manufacturing Co., Yale locks.....	8 40	
" 28,	Mitchell, Vance & Co., brass castings.....	1 20	
" 28,	W. A. & F. E. Conover, constructing new Locker-room.....	1,890 00	
" 28,	T. O. Young, feather dusters.....	9 00	
" 28,	De Graaf & Taylor, furniture and repairs.....	343 25	
" 28,	John W. Kelsey, salary for May.....	\$100 00	
	Employees' wages.....	456 00	
	Supplies purchased.....	21 51	
			577 51
" 28,	Horace Forbush, services as accountant.....		100 00
" 28,	William H. Corsa, salary for May.....	\$41 66	
" 28,	Postage stamps and supplies.....	2 55	
			44 21
			<u>\$207,062 80</u>

CLASSIFICATION OF DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid in redemption of income bonds.....	\$94,600 00	
" Interest on first mortgage bonds.....	27,825 00	
" " income bonds.....	10,526 25	
Expenses:		
Clerk's salary.....	\$1,548 11	
Salary to janitor.....	1,800 00	
Wages to employees.....	4,547 37	
Supplies for engineer and janitor.....	893 43	
Gas.....	2,972 18	
Coal.....	2,134 21	
Croton Water.....	121 40	
Insurance on boiler.....	150 00	
Sundry.....	728 00	
Less allowance for veils.....	\$50 00	
Error in balance June 1, 1884.....	50	
	<u>50 50</u>	
	677 50	
		14,844 26
Repairs, Organs.....	360 00	
Repairs to furniture.....	1,278 53	
Upholstery.....	93 35	
Tiling.....	120 96	
Carpets.....	196 28	
Roofing.....	46 94	
Painting.....	4,057 08	
Plumbing.....	143 60	
Steam fitting.....	8 98	
Mason work.....	64 13	
Cabinet work.....	1,390 00	
Carpenter work.....	1,343 32	
Library.....	1,007 37	
Grand Secretary office.....	257 50	
Elevator.....	8,217 65	
Supplies.....	32 74	
		13,618 43
Rebate rent to Temperance Union.....		20 00
Protest fees.....		2 50
Fire reconstruction account:		
Painting.....	2,515 00	
Marble and tiling.....	163 51	
Furniture.....	339 03	
Labor.....	310 00	
Carpenter.....	1,147 44	
Plastering.....	1,425 79	
Organs.....	125 00	
		<u>\$166,962 21</u>

Brought forward.....		\$166,962 21
Gas fixtures.....	1,044 58	
Locks.....	8 40	
Linoleum.....	204 66	
Upholstering.....	98 25	
Repairing seats in Grand Lodge hall.....	2,044 70	
W. A. & F. E. Cenover.....	27,000 00	
F. C. Vogel.....	8,000 00	
B. F. Hatfield.....	1,700 00	
		40,100 59
		<u>\$207,062 80</u>

The Trustees give, for the information of the Grand Lodge, and those having the obligations of the Fund, that the following sums have been and are now on deposit in these several places for the payment of these obligations :

In the Central Trust Company, to pay coupons Nos. 1 to 16 of Income Bonds.....	\$72 63
In the Garfield National Bank, to pay coupon No. 17 of Income Bond..	35 00
In the Garfield National Bank, to pay coupon No. 18 of Income Bonds.	52 50
In the Garfield National Bank, to pay coupon No. 19 of Income Bonds.	36 75
In the Garfield National Bank, to pay coupon No. 20 of Income Bonds.	98 00
In the Garfield National Bank, to pay the principal of Income Bonds...	7,250 00
In the Garfield National Bank, to pay five (5) year notes.....	459 00
In the Garfield National Bank, to pay two (2) year notes.....	771 98

The Trustees have had prepared an inventory of all the personal property in the building, and it is to be found in a book kept for that purpose.

We have now given a complete account of the transactions of the year just closed, but there is also a future to which it is well for us to turn.

The Temple has been placed in complete order, and no unusual expense need be incurred, except as carpets or furniture shall by reason of wear need replacing.

That the new Commandery Room may be used for rental if necessary or desirable; and to make the Brethren feel perfectly safe in going to the highest stories, the Trustees have carefully and entirely repaired the hoisting machinery, replacing the cable with a new one and have placed upon the elevator a safety attachment, by which it is made absolutely secure; the car loaded to its utmost capacity could not fall one half inch, should the wire cables break or other accident occur; besides, the ventilating apparatus has been so arranged that in every room the air—even in the coldest weather—can be changed rapidly at suitable and pleasant temperature. The plumbing has been placed in strict compliance with the requirements of the Board of Health. This was deemed absolutely indispensable, in view of the possibility of the summer being sickly.

These things all completed this year, the full resources of the Trustees, less the expenses of running the building, and interest, can be devoted to the reduction of the debt.

With an income from the rentals, of \$48,835, and from the Grand Lodge of \$46,000, about the amount received for several years past exclusive of appropriations, making a total of \$94,835, and expenses amounting to \$16,000, and an interest charge of \$31,575, we shall be able to apply at least \$47,000 to the payment of the Income Bonds first, and then to the purchase of the First Mortgage Bonds; each year the charge for interest will be less, so that by the time the First Mortgage Bonds become due, September 15, 1891, there will be in the hands of the

Trustees more than \$250,000 to pay them, or not more than \$125,000 would be outstanding. If lodges now occupying rooms in other buildings would come into the Temple the result would be still better.

The Trustees would express their obligations to the following distinguished brethren for the courtesy and assistance they so promptly and freely rendered, without remuneration, save the consciousness of performing a kindly duty to the craft and its representatives, the Trustees.

M. W. JAMES GIBSON, for his very full written opinion as to the powers of the Trustees in settlement of claims they may have against debtors.

R. W. RUFUS T. GRIGGS, for his exhaustive written opinion as to the Trustees receiving any emoluments from their office.

R. W. FRANK R. LAWRENCE, for drawing the form of Bond issued by the Trustees January 1st, last, to replace the Bonds becoming due February 1, 1885, known as the Income Bonds.

There is also another subject for consideration: The ultimate end of the Fund is to furnish an Asylum. *Where shall that Asylum be located? For whom shall it be prepared? What are to be the terms of admission? Who shall have charge of it?*

A settlement of these and kindred questions will require that they be considered at *two* certainly, probably at *three* sessions of the Grand Lodge. Would it not be timely and judicious to take the matter in consideration and prepare the way for the fulfillment of this grand purpose of the Fraternity.

Respectfully submitted,

NEW YORK, June 1, 1885.

FLOYD CLARKSON,
W. D. NICHOLS,
THEOPHILUS PRATT.

REPORT OF THE GRAND LIBRARIAN.

R. W. HERMAN G. CARTER, Grand Librarian, presented the following report, which was received and referred to the Committee on Finance :

OFFICE OF THE GRAND LIBRARIAN, }
MASONIC HALL, June 2, 1885. }

To M. W. WILLIAM A. BRODIE, *Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York :*

I have the honor to submit the following report as Grand Librarian :

Since the last Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, I have had bound and added to the Grand Lodge Library, TWO HUNDRED AND FORTY-NINE VOLUMES, consisting of Proceedings of the various Grand bodies and Magazines.

I have obtained back numbers, for the past several years, and had volumes completed and bound to the close of 1884, of the following standard Masonic Magazines of the country, viz.: *The Voice of Masonry*, Chicago, Ill.; *The Liberal Free Mason*, Boston, Mass.; *The Masonic Review*, Cincinnati, Ohio; *The Free*

Mason's Repository, Providence, R. I.; *The Masonic Advocate*, Indianapolis, Ind.; *The Canadian Craftsman*, Canada; *The Masonic Chronicle*, Columbus, Ohio; also completed several Vols. of *The Free Mason*, London, England; *The Keystone*, Philadelphia; *The Michigan Free Mason*, and *Loomis' Masonic Journal*, New Haven, Conn.

Valuable contributions to the Grand Lodge Library and Reading Room have been made by many distinguished Craftsmen during the past year, and thanks are hereby tendered to M. W. Bro. JOHN W. SIMONS; M. W. Bro. ROBERT MORRIS, LL. D., Masonic Post-Laureate; R. W. Bro. WM. T. WOODRUFF; R. W. Bro. STEPHEN M. WRIGHT; R. W. Bro. ALBERT G. GOODALL, Records of the Semi-Centennial, 1873, Morton Commandery, No. 4, Knight Templars; R. W. Bro. JAMES W. STATON, Kentucky; W. Bro. JOHN M. KNAPP, New Jersey; R. W. Bro. ROBERT MACOY, R. W. Bro. JOHN G. BARKER, R. W. Bro. SYDNEY F. WALKER, W. Bro. J. A. MORSEHAUSER, W. Bro. WILLIAM FOWLER, and HARPER BROTHERS; WM. JAMES HUGHAN, Masonic historian, and WITHAM MATTHEW BYWATER, England; Mrs. JAMES M. AUSTIN, donation of several Masonic books and pamphlets, of the late Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge; W. Bro. G. F. E. PEAR-SALL, of an excellent portrait of the Deputy Grand Master; and Metropolitan Lodge, No. 273, F. and A. M., for a donation of eighty-six volumes of Masonic books and pamphlets.

To the Grand Secretaries of the various Grand bodies, thanks are hereby tendered for Proceedings, and Magazines to replace many that were unbound, and damaged by water at the fire, in the Masonic Hall, December 1, 1883.

For assistance rendered in the Library, and especially in cataloguing, thanks are hereby tendered to R. W. Bro. JOHN G. BARKER, Past Grand Librarian; and in Foreign Masonic works, to R. W. Bro. HERMAN CANTOR, Past Grand Steward.

THE FREE READING ROOM.

The Grand Lodge of the State New York having entered on the second century of its existence, shows through its Grand Officers, that progression is in accord with the needs and welfare of the fraternity, and pre-eminently takes the lead of all the Grand Lodges in the world in its *Free Reading Room*. On January 3, 1885, the rooms were formally opened FREE to the Masonic fraternity, when addresses were made by many distinguished Craftsmen. To R. W. Bro. FRANK R. LAWRENCE, Deputy Grand Master, is due the credit of initiating and carrying to successful completion, a project, for which the Craft, not only in this jurisdiction, but all who visit the Reading Room, from every land, will ever be grateful.

With the assent of the Grand Master, the Trustees of the Hall, under the direction of R. W. Bro. WILLIAM D. NICHOLS, painted, and fitted up the rooms with new furniture and carpets. Each of the resident Grand Officers, with a Committee of Masters of Lodges, appointed from the several Masonic districts in New York and Brooklyn, have heartily co-operated with the Deputy Grand Master, in this enterprise, and voluntary subscriptions were made by brethren and lodges to purchase the daily papers, magazines, and periodicals, and pay for the attendance of an assistant to the Grand Librarian, who is in attendance every evening, from 7 to 10.30 o'clock, Sundays and holidays excepted.

There are on file a daily paper from every principal city of the United States, and one from London, England; and Paris, France; besides the illustrated weekly papers, and the American and Foreign monthly magazines, and the

Masonic magazines and newspapers, not only in our own land, but from different nations. Convenient tables and writing materials have been provided for those who have correspondence. The Craft have availed themselves of the great and inestimable advantages which have been provided, and the attractive rooms present, by an increased attendance since the opening, as our visitors' book fully attest, and the *Free Reading Room* is now an assured success to the fraternity in the Empire State.

THE GRAND LODGE LIBRARY.

There has ever existed, among all cultured and enlightened people, a strong desire for the formation of libraries, to preserve the literature of their best writers and authors. To a great extent the ancients as well as the moderns, have promoted and indulged in this taste. The Grand Lodge should continue to take a deep interest in its Masonic Library, and extend toward it a fostering care, for we are among the few Grand Lodges who possess one of the best and most complete libraries in the land. The collection of a library is a continuous work, and our zeal should not abate, for it is a history of the Craft in the past, and for all time to come.

"Books are a part of man's prerogative,
In formal ink they thought and voices hold,
That we to them our solitude may give
And make time present traveled, that of old."

The Masonic publications are among the peculiar features of the literature of the present day. No other secret society can compare with us in the varied and comprehensive treatises and scientific works, and to be a "bright mason," is not only to be proficient in the Ritual of our fraternity, but to understand its laws, usages, teachings, and philosophy. The institution of Masonry has a wealth of rich and scientific literature, and nowhere in the world, can the neophyte and Masonic student, in quest of knowledge, find a larger collection of Masonic and miscellaneous books, and serials, than are to be found in this Grand Lodge Library, comprising the works and writings of those eminent in the Craft for past generations.

That provision should be made at each annual session of the Grand Lodge for binding, and the purchase of new works, and soliciting an examination of the labor in the past, devoted to the interests of the Library, and commending its prosecution, I respectfully offer the following recommendation:

That for the purposes of binding and purchasing Masonic works, the same amount be appropriated, as in the past year.

My first report to the Grand Lodge embraced the Proceedings of the various Grand bodies; the second report that of Masonic magazines, and papers; the third and present report comprises four classes of a Catalogue of Masonic works, as follows:

CLASS III.

CALENDARS, LISTS OF LODGES, Etc.

A List of Regular Lodges according to their Seniority and Constitution, by order of the Grand Master, printed for and sold by Benj. Cole, Engraver and Copper Plate Printer, London, 1756. 8. pp. 20, (Kl. No. 101).

The Vocal Companion, and Masonic Register, in two parts. Part I. Masonic Songs, etc. Part II. A concise account of the Origin of Masonry in America with a List of Lodges in the six Northern States, with names of the officers, etc. Boston, John M. Dunham. 1802. 8. pp. 180, 103, 5.

The Freemason's Vocal Assistant, and Register of the Lodges of Masons in South Carolina and Georgia. Charleston, F. F. Negrin, 1807. 8. pp. 255.

The Freemason's Calendar for the year 1813. Published for the benefit of the Charity Fund, under the sanction of the Grand Lodge of England. London, W. P. Norris (1813) 8. pp. 50.

Namentliches Verzeichniss sammtlicher zu dem Bunde der Gr. National, Mutter-Loge zu den drei Weltkugeln Brueder Freimaurer und derjenigen Logen u. Brueder, welche nach dem System dieser grossen Loge arbeiten. Für das Jahr 1813. Berlin, Br. Gaedicke, 8. pp. 212. (Kl. No. 116).

Masonic Register and Pocket Magazine for the year of Masonry 5827, comprising a correct list of the Lodges, Chapters, etc.; also a list of the Past Masters of the different Lodges, with a Chronological Table of the most remarkable events, from the Creation of the World to the present time. By Henry Marsh, New York, Wm. Van Norden, 1827. pp. 64.—Masonic Register for the year 1841. New York, Maverick & Nixon, pp. 56.—For the year 1850. By R. R. Boyd, G. Sec. New York, J. Narine, pp. 56.—For the year 1851, by Wm. B. Shrove, New York, Narine, pp. 224.—For the year 1855, by J. W. Leonard, New York, pp. 366.—1860. Winchester. New York, pp. 36.

Mitglieder-verzeichniss der grossen Mutter-Loge des eklektischen Freimaurer Bundes so wie der im Gross Oriente zu Frankfurt a. M. arbeitenden eklektischen St. Joh. Loge Socrates zur standhaftigkeit Frankfurt a. M. 5846, 8. pp. 18.

Freemason's Calendar and Directory, containing a correct list of all the Lodges on the Registry of Ireland, etc., 1848 pp. 130.—1859, pp. 109.—1860, pp. 109. Dublin, W. Underwood.

Freemason's Calendar, 1848, containing a list of Lodges, etc., etc., of Ireland, etc., by B. M. Furnell, Dublin, S. G. Downs, pp. 107.

Uebersicht der Mitglieder der grossen Landes-Loge von Sachsen und der Beamten der zum Saechsischen Logen-Bunde gehoerigen Freimaurer-Logen. Dresden, 1847. 8. pp. 24.—1860-62. Dresden, Br. Heinrich, 8. pp. 23.

Mitglieder-verzeichniss der vereinten Loge zu den drei Schwertern und Astraa zr gr. Raute im Oriente. Dresden am 24. Juni, 1852. Dresden, Br. Ramming, 8. pp. 23.

Verzeichniss der Beamten und Mitglieder der Provinzial Loge von Niedersachsen zu Hamburg, sowie der zu ihrem Sprengel gehoerenden St. Andreas und St. Johannis Logen, Fuer das Jahr 1854-55. Hamburg, 8. pp. 51.—1855-56, pp. 22.

Freimaurer-Kalender der auf das Jahr 1855-56, Maurerisches Taschenbuch herausg. von Horst Bretschneider, Dr. med. Zweiter Jahrgang. Gothe J. G. Muller, 12. pp. 207.

Freemason's Calendar and Pocket-Book for the year 1858, pp. 188.—1860, p. 188. London, R. & A. Suttaby.

The Scottish Masonic Calendar and Pocket-Book for the year 1859, pp. 110. The British, Irish and Colonial Calendar Pocket-Book for the year 1864. Glasgow, John Davidson, pp. 260.

The Prudence Book of Freemasonry, containing a catalogue of all the Masonic Lodges in the world, with their respective localities; also, catalogues of the members of the Lodges in the United States, and the American British Provinces, likewise the seals of the Grand Lodges prepared from official authorities by Rob. Morris, Louisville, Ky. Morris and Monsarret, 8. pp. 518.

World's Masonic Register, Hyneman. 8. pp. 566. 1860.

Mitgliederverzeichniss der unter Sr. Majestaet des Koenigs Wilhelm von Preussen Allerhoechstem Schutze und Protectorate dirigirenden Grossen Loge von Preussen, genannt Royal York zur Freundschaft, im Orient von Berlin, etc. Fuer das Maurerjahr 1869-70. Berlin, Julius Littenfeld. 8. pp. 134.

The Universal Masonic Record, or Links in the Golden Chain of Brotherhood, by Leon Hyneman, Philadelphia and New York, 1857. 8. pp. 234.—1859, 8. pp. 180.—1860, pp. 507.

CLASS IV.

MASONIC CONSTITUTIONS, BY-LAWS, JURISPRUDENCE, ETC.

The Constitutions of the Freemasons, containing the History, Charges, Regulations, etc., of the Most Ancient and Right Worshipful Fraternity. For the use of the Lodges, London, printed by William Hunter, for John Lenox, and John Hook, 1723. 4. pp. 91. (Kl. No. 125).—Republished fac-simile. J. W. Leonard & Co., New York, 1855. 4. pp. 108.

The History and Constitutions of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of F. and A. M., containing an account of Masonry, etc., etc. By James Anderson. London, J. Robinson, 5746. 4. pp. 231.

The Pocket Companion and History of Freemasonry. London. Printed for J. Scott. 1751, 12, pp. VIII., 328. (Kl. No. 141.)

Constitutions of the Antient and Honorable Fraternity of F. and A. M., containing their History, Charges, Regulations, etc., collected and digested by order of the Grand Lodge, from their old Records. For the use of the Lodges. By James Anderson. Carefully revised, continued and enlarged with many additions, by John Entrick. London, J. Scott, 1756. 4. pp. 339, 1. (Kl. No. 144.)

The Complete Freemason, or Multa Paucis, for the Lovers of Secrets. London, 1764. 8. pp. XVIII., 176. (Kl. No. 145.)

The Constitutions etc., by John Entrick. A new edition with alterations and additions by a Committee appointed by the Grand Lodge, London. W. Johnson. 1767. 4. pp. VI., 366. Appendix, the Laws relating to General Charity, and Disposal thereof. Printed in pursuance of an order made the 7th March, 1767, p. 4. (Kl. No. 146.)

The Freemason's Pocket Companion, containing the Origin, Progress, and Present State of that Antient Fraternity, etc., etc. Glasgow. Printed for Tait, Brown and Tait, 1771. 12. pp. 240.—Edition, Air, printed for John and Peter Wilson, 1792. 12. pp. 300.

Ahiman Rezon, or a Help to a Brother. By Lau. Dermott. A new edition. Belfast, 1782. 8. pp. 138.

Ahiman Rezon, abridged and digested as a help to all that are, or would be Free and Accepted Masons, to which is added a Sermon preached in Christ Church, Philadelphia, at a General Communication celebrated, agreeable to the Constitutions, Dec. 28th, 1778, as the Anniversary of St. John the Evangelist, published by order of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, by William Smith. Philadelphia, Hall & Sellers, 1783. 8. pp. XVI., 66. (Kl. No. 159.)

The Constitutions of the Ancient Fraternity of F. and A. M. First compiled by order of the Grand Lodge by James Anderson. A new edition, revised, enlarged, and brought down to the year 1784, under direction of the Hall Committee. By John Northouck. London, J. Roain, Printer to the Society, 1784. 4. pp. XI., 459. (Kl. No. 148.)

Rules and Orders which are to be punctually observed and kept by the Honorable Fraternity of F. and A. M., etc., together with the Members of Lodge No. 190 (S. C.), by and with the approbation of the Grand Lodge, Charleston, S. C., 5787. 8. pp. 13. Appended, References to the Rules and Orders, pp. 12.— Same, ratified Oct. 29, 5791. Charleston, 1795, pp. 19.

Constitution of Brazil, 1837.

“ of England (originals), 1723, 1746, 1747, 1751, 1756, 1764, 1771, 1784, 1792, 1827, 1847, 1853, 1854, 1855, 1858, 1863, 1873, 1884.

Constitution of France, 1849.

“ Ireland, 1751, 1782, 1839, 1850, 1858, 1875, 1884.

“ New Granada, 1858.

“ Scotland, 1848, 1879.

“ Turkey, 1857.

“ Canada, 1858, 1859.

“ Quebec, 1871.

“ Alabama, 1821, 1828, 1854, 1856, 1862, 1867.

“ Connecticut, 1789, 1799, 1816, 1825, 1854, 1848, 1861, 1870.

“ California, 1859, 1868, 1874.

“ Dakota, 1884.

“ District of Columbia, 1828, 1847, 1851, 1856.

“ Delaware, 1820.

“ Florida, 1830, 1853.

“ Georgia, 1820, 1847, 1849, 1852, 1856.

“ Illinois, 1826, 1856, 1874, 1885.

“ Indiana, 1818, 1823, 1853, 1870.

“ Iowa, 1851, 1854, 1856, 1859, 1866.

“ Kansas, 1870, 1871.

“ Kentucky, 1808, 1818, 1824, 1841, 1850, 1855, 1880.

“ Louisiana, 1813, 1819, 1832, 1844, 1850, 1858, 1867, 1874, 1883.

“ Massachusetts, 1792, 1798, 1857, 1873, 1876.

“ Minnesota, 1856.

“ Michigan, 1844, 1853, 1857, 1866.

“ Maine, 1844, 1847, 1854, 1864, 1865, 1875, 1884.

“ Missouri, 1844, 1853, 1871.

“ Mississippi, 1830, 1845, 1853, 1854, 1855, 1858.

“ Maryland, 1821, 1823, 1841, 1850.

“ New Jersey, 1818, 1846.

“ New York, 1789, 1800, 1801, 1805, 1822, 1824, 1827, 1832, 1849, 1851, 1852, 1854, 1855, 1856, 1860, 1864, 1866, 1867, 1869, 1871, 1872, 1873, 1874, 1884.

Constitution of North Carolina, 1798, 1887, 1886.

“ New Hampshire, 1799, 1808, 1816, 1823, 1869.

“ Ohio, 1820, 1846, 1854, 1855, 1857.

“ Oregon, 1851, 1857.

“ Pennsylvania, 1778, 1783, 1816.

“ Rhode Island, 1802, 1808, 1848, 1859, 1872.

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Thanking you for the honor conferred in the appointment to this office, this report is fraternally submitted, with the best wishes that your future days may be those of happiness, prosperity, and peace.

Fraternally yours,

HERMAN G. CARTER,
Grand Librarian.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

M. W. JESSE B. ANTHONY, on behalf of the Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, which was received, ordered printed as an appendix to the transactions, and the "Special Report" of said Committee was adopted. (See p. 78, Appendix.)

REPORT OF THE GRAND LECTURER.

R. W. GEORGE H. RAYMOND, Grand Lecturer, presented the following report, which was received and referred to the Committee on Work and Lectures :

NEW YORK, May 1, 1885.

To the M. W. WILLIAM A. BRODIE, *Grand Master of Masons in State of New York* :

M. W. Sir and Brother :—It is with a deep sense of that gratitude due the Supreme Architect of the Universe for His manifold mercies during the past year that I present my work for your inspection by submitting this, my Nineteenth Annual Report, and while extending to you my congratulations on the peace and prosperity of the craft in general, permit me to express the pleasure it affords me in having the opportunity to return my thanks, through you, M. W. Sir, to the many brethren whose genial hospitality I enjoyed while engaged in the discharge of my duties as Grand Lecturer.

After receiving my own commission, I appointed the following named Worshipful Brethren as Assistant Grand Lecturers : WM. J. LAWLESS, JOHN L. BONNELL, SIMON R. HATFIELD, WM. PUTMAN, WAYNE L. COLLINS, JAMES H. MCINTOSH, MARVIN I. GREENWOOD, WILLIAM L. TALCOTT, C. EUGENE RICHARDSON, and JAMES H. GRACEY.

Conventions have been held under my personal supervision in every district, and I am pleased to say that each of the District Deputy Grand Masters was present in his respective district, and manifested great interest in the conventions, all of whom I thank for valuable assistance. Several of the conventions were honored by the presence of Past Grand Officers, as well as the Grand and Deputy Grand Master.

By special request of Worshipful CLARION S. SCOTT, Master of Liberty Lodge, No. 510, I held a convention at Cohocton, and the following lodges were represented, "on invitation by the officers of No. 510," viz. : Nos. 104, 112, 117, 123, 331, 478, 583, 673, 755, and 777. Also by request of the officers of Steuben Lodge, No. 112, I held a similar convention at Bath, and the following lodges were represented, "on invitation by the officers of No. 112," viz. : Nos. 115, 117, 459, 510, and 755.

Several questions relative to the Esoteric portion of the Ritual were discussed during the exemplification, and it was suggested to have them referred to the appropriate committee.

The convention of and for the First Masonic District was held at Sag Harbor. The lodges represented were Nos. 60, 63, 349, 437, 493, 494, 546, 563, 580, 586, 635, 645, 691, 695, 729, and 738.

For the Second District, the convention was held in the City of Brooklyn, E. D. The lodges represented were Nos. 188, 205, 284, 354, 367, 403, 430, 445, 446, 453, 451, 540, 618, 636, 656, 678, 704, 710, 769, and 776.

For the Third District, the convention was held in the City of Brooklyn, W. D. The lodges represented were Nos. 19, 56, 137, 201, 286, 288, 310, 322, 361, 382, 409, 451, 483, 536, 569, 574, 585, 601, 638, 640, 647, 717, 719, 732, 747, 756, and 758.

In Districts Nos. Four, Five, Six, Seven, and Eight, the convention was held in the City of New York. Delegates were present from nearly all the lodges.

In the Ninth District the following lodges were represented at the City of Poughkeepsie. Nos. 32, 34, 266, 283, 368, 374, 432, 434, 450, 458, 480, 615, 671, and 782.

In the Tenth District the following lodges were represented at Port Jervis : Nos. 10, 313, 315, 328, 343, 365, 412, 521, 561, 582, 711, 718, and 728.

In the Eleventh District, in the convention held at Cobleskill, the lodges represented were Nos. 394, 491, 529, 552, 554, 562, 606, 624, 630, and 663.

In the convention for the Twelfth District, held at Hudson, the following lodges were represented : Nos. 5, 7, 9, 98, 311, 335, 362, 400, 454, 452, 509, 612, and 700.

For District No. Thirteen, the convention was held at Crown Point. The representatives present were from lodges Nos. 22, 55, 90, 103, 142, 149, 260, 267, 372, 602, 715, and 772.

The convention for District No. Fourteen was held at Newport. Lodges represented were Nos. 40, 84, 298, 300, 423, 433, 455, 631, 581, and 591.

District No. Fifteen. The convention for this district was held at Gouverneur. The lodges represented were Nos. 111, 128, 155, 217, 237, 291, 319, 393, 477, 500, 556, 573, 577, 633, 689, 705, 707, and 749.

The convention for the Sixteenth District was held at Watertown. The repre-

sentatives present were from lodges Nos. 49, 53, 134, 171, 174, 226, 234, 238, 293, 296, 297, 506, and 688.

The Seventeenth District convention was held at Oneida. The lodges represented were Nos. 15, 47, 120, 129, 148, 150, 164, 165, 223, 231, 264, 270, 347, 420, 440, 616, 658, 664, 677, 692, and 726.

At the convention for the Eighteenth District, held at Norwich, the delegates present were from lodges Nos. 126, 167, 175, 232, 302, 334, 360, 363, 396, 399, 435, 442, 444, 515, 605, and 659.

The lodges represented at the convention held at Cortland, for District No. Nineteen, were Nos. 41, 110, 124, 127, 130, 144, 147, 160, 221, 352, 386, 415, 421, 438, 470, 679, 706, and 768.

In District No. Twenty, the convention was held at Ithaca. Lodges represented were Nos. 51, 131, 157, 290, 397, 407, 472, 496, 587, 681, 716, 725, 774, 775, and 784.

Convention for the Twenty-first District was held at Newark. Present, delegates from lodges Nos. 83, 113, 123, 159, 200, 248, 254, 341, 392, 590, 665, and 764.

District No. Twenty-two. At the convention held at Rochester, the delegates present were from lodges Nos. 39, 45, 109, 115, 122, 154, 163, 214, 263, 320, 379, 419, 426, 475, 476, 479, 507, 526, 538, 543, 570, 660, 667, 722, 773, and 779.

For the Twenty-third District, the convention was held at Hornellsville. Delegates were present from lodges Nos. 44, 65, 104, 112, 117, 118, 258, 306, 331, 478, 510, 547, 558, 583, 673, 755, 777, and 781.

District No. Twenty-four. The lodges represented in the convention, held at Lockport, were Nos. 73, 97, 132, 218, 295, 336, 375, 376, 380, 551, 639, 646, 675, 713, 785, and 787.

The convention for the Twenty-fifth District was held at Buffalo. The lodges represented were Nos. 105, 143, 161, 240, 247, 255, 261, 292, 340, 351, 358, 441, 498, 514, 527, 594, 625, 694, 699, 766, and 788.

The convention for the Twenty-sixth District was held at Olean. The lodges represented were Nos. 239, 252, 301, 384, 579, 620, 626, 757, 767, and 780.

District No. Twenty-seven. The lodges represented in the convention, held at Stapleton, were Nos. 68, 381, 471, 685, 701, and 760.

I have also visited Tahawus and White Face Mountain lodges. These lodges are in possession of the standard work, and are composed of the very best material to be found in their several localities. The efforts made to select such as would prove to be faithful workmen, and the zeal manifested in acquiring the work, are evidences of merit that should not be overlooked. I recommend that charters be granted to them.

I am, M. W. Sir, with great respect, yours fraternally,

GEO. H. RAYMOND,

Grand Lecturer.

R. W. FRANK R. LAWRENCE from the Special Committee appointed at the last session of Grand Lodge presented the

following report, which was received and referred to the Committee on Hall and Asylum :

To the Grand Lodge :

The elective officers of the Grand Lodge, who at the last annual communication were appointed a committee to apply to the legislature of this State for the enactment of such legislation as will give to the Grand Lodge, or to such officer or committee as it may direct, such supervisory power over the Trustees of the Hall and Asylum Fund as may be necessary and proper, fraternally report :

That they prepared and procured to be presented to the Legislature, at its recent session, a draft of an Act, amendatory of the Act incorporating the Trustees of the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund, designed to effect the purpose above indicated. The Act so prepared was passed by both Houses of the Legislature, and, having received the signature of the Governor, it became a law and is known as Chapter 55 of the Laws of 1885. A copy of this Act is herewith submitted to the Grand Lodge. By the terms of this Act—which in no way disturbs the existing condition of things, with respect to the management of the affairs of the Hall and Asylum Fund—it is provided that the books, papers and transactions of the Trustees of the Hall and Asylum Fund shall at all times be open to examination by any Committee appointed by the Grand Lodge or Grand Master ; that the Grand Lodge may at any time terminate at its pleasure the term of office of any trustee ; and that, when the Grand Lodge is not in session, the Grand Master may for just cause, and after an opportunity shall have been given to the trustee affected thereby to be heard with respect thereto, suspend any trustee from exercising the functions of his office, and appoint a brother to act in his stead, such suspension and appointment to continue only until acted upon by the Grand Lodge at its next succeeding annual communication.

Your Committee believe that this legislation renders the Trustees of the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund properly accountable at all times, and with respect to all their official acts, to the Grand Lodge, and thus entirely accomplishes the purpose indicated by the resolution adopted last year.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM A. BRODIE,
FRANK R. LAWRENCE,
JOHN W. VROOMAN,
JAMES TEN EYCK.
JOHN BOYD,
EDWARD M. L. EHLERS,

} Committee.

CHAP. 55.

AN ACT to amend chapter three hundred and fifty of the laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, entitled "An act to amend chapter two hundred and seventy-two of the laws of eighteen hundred and sixty-four, entitled 'An act to incorporate the trustees of the masonic hall and asylum fund.'"

PASSED March 13, 1885.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section one of chapter three hundred and fifty of the laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, entitled "An act to amend chapter two hundred and seventy-two of the laws of eighteen hundred and sixty-four, entitled 'An act to incorporate the trustees of the masonic hall and asylum fund' passed

April twenty-one, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, passed May thirty-one, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

§ 1. Section two of chapter two hundred and seventy-two of the laws of eighteen hundred and sixty-four, entitled "An act to incorporate the trustees of the masonic hall and asylum fund," passed April twenty-one, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

§ 2. The corporation hereby created shall consist of three persons who shall be members of lodges under the authority and jurisdiction of the grand lodge of free and accepted masons of the State of New York, and who shall be residents of this state, to be elected at the first annual communication of said grand lodge after the passage of this act; provided, however, that no officer of the grand lodge shall be eligible to the office of trustee, and that any trustee accepting office in the grand lodge shall thereby vacate his office as trustee. At the first annual communication of the grand lodge after the passage of this act, the three trustees so elected shall designate by lot in the presence of the grand master their respective terms of office, namely: One of said trustees shall be designated to serve for the period of one year, one to serve for the period of two years, and one to serve for the period of three years; and annually thereafter at the annual communication of the grand lodge, one trustee shall be elected whose term of office shall be for the period of three years from the date of his election; and should a vacancy occur in the office of trustee at an annual communication of the said grand lodge from any cause other than the expiration of the term of office of said trustee, said vacancy should be filled by election for the unexpected term at said annual communication. If any such trustee shall cease to be a resident of the state of New York, or shall cease to be a member of a lodge under the jurisdiction of the grand lodge as aforesaid, his place as such trustee shall be declared vacant by the grand master. In case any vacancy in the office of trustee shall occur during the time intervening between the annual communications of the grand lodge, the grand master shall fill such vacancy by appointment of a person qualified as aforesaid, and the person so appointed shall serve as trustee until the next succeeding annual communication of the grand lodge, where such vacancy shall be filled by election for the unexpired term. The said board of trustees shall select one of its number as president, one as treasurer and one as secretary, and shall make a full and detailed report of all its doings at each annual communication of the grand lodge.

Whenever the grand lodge is not in session, the said trustees shall, upon the request of the grand master, render to him a full and detailed report in writing of and concerning any and all of their acts and transactions, and the books, papers and records of said trustees shall at all times be open to examination by the grand lodge, the grand master or any committee of members of the grand lodge which he or it may appoint. Whenever the grand lodge is not in session, the grand master may, by a written order, suspend any trustee from office, and appoint a person qualified, as required by this act, to perform his duties, and such person shall possess all the powers and discharge all the duties of said trustee. No such suspension shall be made except for cause, nor until after an opportunity shall have been given the trustee affected thereby to be heard with regard thereto. Such suspension shall continue in force until acted upon by the grand lodge at its next succeeding annual communication, and no longer. The grand lodge may at any annual communication, and for such cause as it shall consider sufficient, remove from office any trustee elected pursuant to this act, and upon so doing shall fill the vacancy thus created by election for the unexpired term.

§ 2. All acts or parts of acts, and all laws of the state of New York, inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

CREDENTIALS.....	{	R.: W.: EDWARD M. L. EHLERS. " STEWART R. BRADBURN. " WILLIAM H. FRANCIS.
JURISPRUDENCE.....	{	M.: W.: EDMUND L. JUDSON. " " JOSEPH J. COUCH. " " JOHN L. LEWIS. " " CHARLES ROOME. " " CLINTON F. PAIGE. " " ELLWOOD E. THORNE. R.: W.: JOHN R. ANDERSON.
WARRANTS.....	{	M.: W.: JAMES W. HUSTED. " WILLIAM H. McDOUGALL. " HENRY STENGEL. " HENRY KIRCHNER. " CHARLES A. HOPPER. " WAYNE L. COLLINS. " FRANK L. NORTON. " WILLIAM W. SHIPLEY. " HUDSON ANSLEY.
GRIEVANCES.....	{	W.: WILLIAM H. ANDREWS. " MATTHEW W. MARVIN. " GEORGE W. CHAPMAN.
FINANCE.....	{	M.: W.: JESSE B. ANTHONY. " PHILIP C. BENJAMIN. " JOHN B. ALLIGER.
PAY OF REPRESENTATIVES.....	{	M.: W.: BENJAMIN FLAGLER. " MORRIS BRILL. " MILLINGTON LOCKWOOD.
CONSTITUTION AND STATUTES.....	{	M.: W.: J. EDWARD SIMMONS. R.: W.: JOHN C. GRAVES. " JOHN F. COLLINS.
CHARITY.....	{	R.: W.: JOHN BOYD. " ADDISON GARDNER. " JOSEPH W. BEATLEY.
UNFINISHED BUSINESS.....	{	M.: W.: ISAAC PHILLIPS. R.: W.: JOHN D. WILLIAMS. " " DANIEL SICKELS.
PRINTING.....	{	R.: W.: ROBERT MACOY. " JOHN G. FIELD. " JOHN E. WANGLER.

WORK AND LECTURES.....	W.: GEORGE BAKER. " WM. KEMBLE HALL. " JOHN KENDALL DUNN. " JOHN L. GODLEY. " JAMES H. GRACEY. " GEORGE E. WATKINS. " JAMES T. WELTON. " LUTHER M. HAIR. " GEORGE A. WATERBURY.
HALL AND ASYLUM.....	R.: W.: CHARLES W. CAMP. " N. LOUIS TUNIS. " WRIGHT D. POWNALL. " HENRY DRISLER, Jr. R.: " MARTIN V. B. IVES. " ALONZO E. CHERRY. " STRATTON S. KNOX. " NATHANIEL A. GEARHART " FRANK T. GILBERT.
EXEMPLIFICATION OF THE WORK.....	W.: CHARLES E. DAYTON. " JOHN G. HEROLD, Jr. " G. FRANK E. PEARSALL. " LEWIS H. RAYMOND. " BERNARD LOTH. " JOHN J. GRIFFIN. " GEORGE W. CREGIER. " GEORGE H. TOOP. " LEONARD H. SECOR. " LEWIS M. TOULON. " JAMES W. HARPER. " JOHN STANDER. " DAVID FRISBIE, Jr. " WILLIAM PUTMAN. " JOHN W. HAVENS. " LLOYD O. WOODRUFF. " C. EUGENE RICHARDSON. " W. WAYNE BABCOCK. " STEWART WORDEN, Chm. " DEXTER D. CURTIS. " MARTIN I. GREENWOOD. " ANDREW W. PALMER. " ANDREW W. COOK. " JAMES R. COMPTON. " ADIN J. PERRY. " CHARLES E. BROWN. " SAMUEL R. BRICK. " HERMAN STERZING. " GEORGE WENDLING.
DECEASED BRETHREN.....	M.: W.: JOSEPH D. EVANS. R.: W.: JOHN G. WEBSTER. " " W. D. ORVILLE DOTY.

On motion of R.: W.: EDWARD L. GAUL the following resolution was adopted by a rising vote :

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge extend to M.: W.: WILLIAM A. BRODIE, Grand Master, its sincere sympathy for the sad loss sustained by him in the recent death of his beloved wife.

The Grand Secretary presented various petitions and resolutions, which were received and referred to appropriate committees for investigation and report.

A petition of Bethel Lodge, No. 733, requesting Grand Lodge to adopt such measures as may be necessary to prevent subordinate lodges from meeting in places insecure for masonic purposes, was referred to a special committee of three.

W.: CHARLES T. McCLENACHAN, W.: GEORGE BARKER, and W.: CHARLES M. WILLIAMS were appointed such Committee.

On motion of R.: W.: ROBERT ROBERTS, the thanks of Grand Lodge were tendered to St. Cecile Lodge, No. 568, for the musical services rendered at the opening ceremonies.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Grand Lodge.

WEDNESDAY, June 3d, 9 o'clock A. M., A. L. 5885.

The Grand Lodge resumed its session.

Present—M.: W.: WILLIAM A. BRODIE, Grand Master.

Officers and Representatives as before.

Prayer by R.: W.: JOHN G. WEBSTER, Grand Chaplain.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

R. W. EDWARD M. L. EHLEBS, from the Committee on Credentials, presented the report of said Committee, which was received, and the names contained in said report ordered placed upon the roll as representatives of the several lodges at this Annual Communication :

To the Grand Lodge :

Your Committee respectfully report the following named lodges entitled to be represented at this Annual Communication :

1	ST. JOHN'S.....	Wm. H. McDougall.....	Master.
2	IND. ROYAL ARCH.....	Edmund S. Whitman.....	Master.
3	MOUNT VERNON.....	Chas. E. Shelley.....	Master.
4	ST. PATRICK'S.....	Andrew J. Nellis.....	Master.
5	MASTERS'.....	John H. Quinby.....	Master.
6	ST. GEORGE'S.....	T. Low Barhydt.....	Master.
7	HUDSON.....	Samuel G. Bowles.....	Master.
8	HOLLAND.....	Lawrence Wells.....	Proxy.
9	UNITY.....	John G. Field.....	Master.
10	KINGSTON.....	Hyman Ross.....	Master.
11	LODGE OF ANTIQUITY.....	Adolph C. Wolf.....	Master.
12	TRINITY.....	Wm. Hassloch.....	Master.
13	APOLLO.....	Nelson Gellespie.....	Master.
14	TEMPLE.....	Reuben D. Clark.....	Master.
15	WESTERN STAR.....	Wm. H. Greenman.....	Master.
16	PRINCE OF ORANGE.....	Lewis H. Raymond.....	Master.
17	L'UNION FRANCAISE.....	Hipolite Vassel.....	Master.
19	FORTITUDE.....	Geo. C. Gill.....	Master.
20	PIONEER.....	John W. Rowan.....	Master.
21	WASHINGTON.....	Irving Hazelton.....	Master.
22	ST. JOHN'S.....	Elihu Wing.....	S. Warden.
23	ADELPHI.....	David Rosenheim.....	Master.
26	ALBION.....	John Stewart.....	Master.
27	MOUNT MORIAH.....	Samuel Prince.....	Master.
28	BENEVOLENT.....	Henry C. Cooper.....	Master.
30	DIBIGO.....	Aaron Morris.....	Master.
31	MECHANIC.....	Wm. W. Freeman.....	Master.
32	WARREN.....	H. S. Van Dyol.....	Proxy.
33	ARK.....	John N. Slocum.....	Master.
34	COURTLANDT.....	Geo. W. Robertson.....	Master.
35	HOWARD.....	Chas. H. Hyzer.....	S. Warden.
39	OLIVE BRANCH.....	Scott Wm. Skinner.....	Master.
40	OLIVE BRANCH.....	Wm. I. Piper.....	Master.
41	SYLVAN.....	Henry N. Whitman.....	Master.
44	EVENING STAR.....	Joseph Mounce.....	Master.
45	UNION.....	Geo. W. Atwell, Jr.....	Master.
47	UTICA.....	John B. Orendoff.....	Master.
48	ARK.....	Samuel C. Bennett.....	Master.
49	WATERTOWN.....	Wilbur F. Bingham.....	Master.

50 CONCORD	Harvey Benjamin.....	Master.
51 FIDELITY	A. H. Esty	S. Warden.
53 BROWNVILLE	Rufus Zimmerman.....	Master.
54 GERMAN UNION.....	Charles A. Roth.....	Master.
55 GRANVILLE	Safford Reynolds.....	Master.
56 HOHENLINDEN	Wm. I. Beattie	Master.
58 PHOENIX	Friend W. Esmond	Master.
60 SUFFOLK.....	Chas. E. Dayton	Master.
62 MANHATTAN.....	Zachary T. Sailer.....	Master.
63 MORTON	John W. De Mott.....	Master.
64 LA FAYETTE	Robert J. Black	Master.
65 MORNING STAR.....	Frank H. Robinson	Master.
66 RICHMOND	Frank K. Kohler.....	Master.
67 MARINERS'	Robert J. Poynter	Master.
68 MONTGOMERY	Willard P. Wooster	Master.
69 NAVAL.....	Washington Mullin.....	Master.
70 JOHN HANCOCK.....	Emil L. Pfæhler	Master.
73 LOCKPORT	Warner H. McCoy.....	Master.
75 EVENING STAR.....	R. P. Tunnard.....	Proxy.
79 HAMILTON	John Parr	Master.
82 PHEBUS	Wm. G. Peck	Master.
83 NEWARK	Marvin I. Greenwood.....	Master.
84 ARTIZAN	Wm. Putnam	Master.
85 WASHINGTON.....	Alfred D. Brink.....	Master.
86 PYTHAGORAS.....	Ernst Jacobs	Master.
90 FRANKLIN	David Frisbie, Jr.....	Master.
91 KING SOLOMON'S PRIM.....	Warren G. Clark.....	S. Warden.
93 MILITARY.....	Bronson Clark.....	Master.
94 <input type="checkbox"/> OF STRICT OBSERVANCE.....	Levi Gibb.....	Master.
95 UNION	James C. Cartledge.....	Master.
96 PHOENIX	Thos. A. Paterson	Master.
97 RENOVATION.....	Samuel R. Cochrane.....	Master.
98 COLUMBIA	Perry C. Miller	Master.
103 RISING SUN.....	Jonathon M. Colcord.....	Master.
104 LEWIS	John F. Collins.....	Proxy.
105 HIRAM	Geo. W. Voss.....	Master.
106 MANITOU	Geo. E. Marks	Master.
107 NORTH STAR.....	John C. Jameson.....	Master.
108 MILO	Andrew B. Horton.....	Master.
109 VALLEY.....	Frank H. Vick.....	Master.
110 SCPIO.....	Alfred K. McAlpine.....	Master.
111 ST. LAWRENCE.....	Harvey W. S. Knox.....	Master.
112 STEUBEN.....	Henry Faucett.....	Master.
113 SENECA.....	Wm. S. Yule.....	Master.
114 UNION	Wm. L. Foster.....	Master.
115 PHOENIX	Charles V. Patchin.....	S. Warden.
116 COHOES.....	Chas. F. Doyle.....	Master.
117 PAINTED POST.....	Truman S. Pritchard	Proxy.
118 ADDISON UNION.....	Rufus C. Baldwin.....	Master.
119 OASIS.....	Malden G. Marsh.....	Master.
120 HAMILTON.....	S. P. Spencer.....	Master.
121 GLEN'S FALLS.....	Wm. Higgins.....	Master.

122 MOUNT MORRIS	Chas. W. Bingham.....	Master.
123 DUNDEE	Luther M. Hair.....	Master.
124 ST. PAUL'S	Armstides Dayton.....	Master.
126 EASTERN LIGHT.....	M. M. Wood.....	Master.
127 OSWEGO	Wm. P. Towse.....	Master.
128 OGDENSBURGH.....	James H. Gracey.....	Master.
129 SANGER.....	Gay R. Sanford.....	Master.
130 PORT BYRON.....	Albert W. Morehouse.....	Master.
131 MYRTLE	Oscar F. Curtis.....	Master.
132 NIAGARA FRONTIER.....	George Barker.....	Master.
134 LOWVILLE	Louis A. Scott.....	Master.
135 SACKET'S HARBOR.....	Frederick R. Babcock.....	S. Warden.
136 MEXICO.....	R. T. Simpson.....	Proxy.
137 ANGLO-SAXON.....	Samuel E. Weaver.....	Master.
138 OTSEGO.....	Addison Gardner.....	Master.
139 MILNOB	Milton Stafford.....	Master.
140 CLINTON.....	Geo. L. Rogers.....	Master.
141 CAYO.....	David Crowninshield.....	Master.
142 MORNING SUN.....	Chas. A. Hopper.....	Master.
143 CONCORDIA.....	Peter Frank.....	Master.
144 HIRAM.....	Seymour Parmelee.....	Master.
145 MOUNT MORIAH.....	Frank B. Field.....	Master.
146 WESTERN UNION	Granville D. Miller.....	Master.
147 WARREN.....	Edgar M. Hart.....	Master.
148 SULLIVAN.....	C. Eugene Richardson.....	Master.
149 AU SABLE RIVER.....	Geo. C. Wilkinson.....	Master.
150 SAUQUOIT.....	Chas. K. Garlick.....	Master.
152 HANOVER.....	William H. Parsons.....	Master.
153 FRIENDSHIP.....	Asa B. Belcher.....	Master.
154 PENFIELD UNION.....	Geo. W. Clark.....	Master.
155 CLINTON.....	Wm. B. Mooers.....	Master.
156 OCEAN.....	Henry C. Boniface.....	Master.
157 TRUMANSBURGH.....	Jonah W. Kirby.....	Master.
158 CARTHAGE.....	Lloyd G. Chase.....	Master.
159 PULTNEYVILLE.....	Wm. W. Shipley.....	Master.
160 SENECA RIVER.....	W. L. Frazer.....	Master.
161 ERIE.....	Jerome S. Edwards.....	Master.
162 SCHUYLER'S LAKE.....	William Rose.....	Master.
163 YONNONDIO.....	Chas. M. Williams.....	Master.
164 PHILANTHROPIC.....	John F. Wolcott.....	Master.
165 BOONVILLE.....	Fred. J. Kent.....	S. Warden.
166 FOREST.....	George E. Tiffany.....	Master.
167 SUSQUEHANNA.....	B. H. Welton.....	S. Warden.
168 MONTOUR.....	Samuel B. Patterson.....	Master.
169 CLINTON.....	Herbert H. Clark.....	J. Warden.
171 LAFARGEVILLE.....	Fred. B. Heald.....	Proxy.
172 CHAUMONT.....	Henry Haas.....	S. Warden.
173 MONROE.....	Samuel F. Parker.....	Master.
174 THERESA.....	Jerry B. Sturtevant.....	Master.
175 OXFORD.....	Henry O. Daniels.....	Master.
176 MONTEZUMA.....	Wm. Parker.....	Proxy.
177 BINGHAMTON.....	John D. Davidson.....	Master.

178 ATLANTIC.....	Zachariah Dederick.....	Proxy.
179 GERMAN PILGRIM.....	Chas. Forscher.....	Master.
180 WESTCHESTER.....	Smith Lent.....	Master.
181 LITTLE FALLS.....	Chas. D. Fenton.....	Master.
182 GERMANIA.....	Henry Breunich.....	Master.
183 FARMERVILLE.....	Thaddeus W. Rappleye.....	Master.
184 TURIN.....	Hugh Hughs.....	J. Warden.
185 INDEPENDENT.....	Arthur Flecknoe.....	Master.
187 DARCY.....	Wm. H. Cranston.....	Master.
188 MARSH.....	Henry Hahn.....	Proxy.
190 MUNN.....	Samuel A. Harwood, Sr.....	Master.
191 LEBANON.....	John M. Elliott.....	Master.
193 ULSTER.....	Lewis B. Adams.....	Proxy.
194 PIATT.....	Geo. McAlear.....	Master.
195 EXCELSIOR.....	Stewart R. Bradburn.....	Master.
196 SOLOMON'S.....	Thos. Rawcliffe.....	Master.
197 YORK.....	John W. Keeler.....	Master.
198 SILENTIA.....	John G. Barker.....	Proxy.
199 HARMONY.....	Albert Wagner.....	Master.
200 SINCERITY.....	Abram S. Smith.....	S. Warden.
201 JOPPA.....	John Douglass.....	Master.
202 ZSCHOKKE.....	Jacob Eidt.....	Master.
203 TEMPLAR.....	Chas. N. Jones.....	Master.
204 PALESTINE.....	Robert Hyslop.....	Master.
205 HYATT.....	Thos. Conner.....	Master.
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209 NATIONAL.....	James R. Canniff.....	Master.
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213 RACKET RIVER.....	Martin V. B. Ives.....	Master.
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225 ALLEGANY.....	Chas. W. Wasson.....	Master.
226 ANTWERP.....	Wm. H. Kennedy.....	Proxy.
227 EASTERN STAR.....	Benjamin Hawkins.....	Master.
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231 CANASTOTA.....	Geo. W. Chapman.....	Master.
232 NAVIGATOR.....	Henry Truberg.....	Master.
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234 RISING SUN.....	Dwight W. White.....	Master.
235 KEYSTONE.....	Joseph L. Michel.....	Master.
236 PHILIPSTOWN.....	Ellis H. Timm.....	Master.

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239 CATTARAUGUS.....	Hudson Ansley	Master.
240 WASHINGTON.....	Frank T. Gilbert.....	Master.
241 CONSTITUTION.....	Wm. Townsend.....	Master.
243 EUREKA.....	George Baker.....	Master.
244 HOPE.....	Samuel J. Campbell.....	Master.
245 POLAR STAR	Samuel Holmes.....	Master.
246 ARCANIA.....	J. Edmund Banks.....	Master.
247 TONAWANDA.....	B. F. Betts.....	Proxy.
248 PALMYRA.....	Henry Birdsall	Master.
249 CHARTER OAK.....	Chas. E. Howard.....	Master.
250 JOHN D. WILLARD.....	Wm. M. White.....	Master.
252 OLEAN.....	Calvin S. Stowell.....	Master.
253 OLD OAK.....	Alonzo Tift.....	Master.
254 WALWORTH.....	J. J. Findlay.....	Master.
255 LIVING STONE.....	Alpheus H. Hayes.....	Master.
256 FORT BREWERTON.....	W. Monroe Pierce.....	Master.
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258 MACEDONIA.....	Edgar W. Cowles.....	Proxy.
259 SISOO.....	Henry J. Stone.....	Master.
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264 BARON STEUBEN.....	S. Mason Smith.....	Master.
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266 POUGHKEEPSIE.....	Peter Hulme	Master.
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268 HERMANN	Frederich Deicke.....	Master.
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635	ADVANCE.....	Wm. Remsen Taylor.....	Master.

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680	VICTOR.....	Edwin Burlingame.....	Master.
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684	BERNE.....	Elias Warner.....	Master.
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693	KEDEMAH.....	Reuben W. Greene.....	Master.
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696	PEACOCK.....	Victor A. Allen.....	Master.
697	FAXTON.....	Wm. B. Parry.....	Master.

698	HERDER	Frederick M. Lotterle	Master.
699	HARMONIE	August Beck	Master.
700	AQUILA	Wm. Bostwick	Master.
701	BEACON LIGHT	Henry W. Welzin	Master.
702	MARBLE	Robert A. Johnston	Master.
703	GAVEL	Robert Edwards	Master.
704	TUSCAN	Thomas Isted	Master.
705	ACACIAN	Enos McBane	Master.
706	CINCINNATUS	V. W. Brown	Proxy.
707	MOUNT HOREB	Samuel Cannon	Master.
708	KISCO	C. Elliott Spencer	Master.
709	MERCHANTS'	John B. White	Master.
710	RIDGEWOOD	James S. Gardner	Master.
711	STANDARD	Stephen B. Heaton	Master.
712	PELHAM	Jerome Bell	Master.
713	SOCIAL	Mahlon Balcom	Master.
714	WIELAND	Henry Schmidt	Master.
715	IBOQUOIS	Robert Roberts	Proxy.
716	HOBASCO	Horace M. Hibbard	Master.
717	ORION	Edward C. Barnum	Master.
718	ADONAL	James M. Wilkins	Master.
719	ACANTHUS	Marion Grimes	Master.
720	PISGAH	Frederick E. Croissant	Master.
721	JERUSALEM TEMPLE	Geo. W. Scott	Master.
722	GERMANIA OF ROCHESTER	Henry Kohlmetz	Master.
723	ROCKLAND	Wm. E. Tuttle	J. Warden.
724	ANCIENT	Edward S. Post	Master.
725	SOUTHERN LIGHT	John Nichols	Proxy.
726	CAUTIOUS	Hiram B. Briggs	Master.
727	CHARITY	Thomas Beck	Master.
728	ALMA	George H. Toop	Master.
729	ANCHOR	Frederick G. Pauly	Master.
730	NEW HOPE	Charles Baum	Master.
731	SUNNY SIDE	Frank P. Harder	Master.
732	EZEL	Herbert T. Ketcham	Master.
733	BETHEL	Augustus C. Baxter	Master.
734	VERITAS	Dennis Redmond	Master.
735	UHLAND	Ludwig G. W. Limpert	Master.
736	NEPPERHAN	Moses D. Getty	Master.
737	GUTTENBERG	John Stander	Master.
738	MIZPAH	Henry Skelton	Master.
739	RADIANT	Philip E. Herrlich	Master.
740	ALLEMANIA	Gustave C. Weidig	Master.
741	SOCIAL FRIENDSHIP	John H. Hotaling	Master.
742	STAR OF CUBA	Edwardo Ester	Master.
743	MAIMONIDES	Gustave Kobler	Master.
744	PENTALPHA	Charles A. Taylor	Master.
745	STUYVESANT	Archibald T. Banning	Proxy.
746	ROOME	James W. Godfrey	Master.
747	SANCTORUM	Wm. H. Brown	Master.
748	LINCOLN	Anton Halm	Master.
749	FELLOWSHIP	Washington E. Connor	Proxy.

750 SHAKESPEARE.....	Louis Harlam.....	Master.
751 LA UNIVERSAL.....	Vincente Guerra.....	Master.
752 NAPHTHAL.....	Edwin Strait.....	Master.
753 JUSTICE.....	George H. Sherman.....	Master.
754 NOAH.....	Conrad H. Crounse.....	Master.
755 SAVONA.....	Frank Hardenbrook.....	Master.
756 AURORA GRATA.....	Jonathan Bennett.....	Master.
757 SILVER.....	Charles E. Brown.....	Master.
758 COVENANT.....	George B. Elmore.....	Proxy.
759 OATKA.....	Charles H. Pixley.....	Master.
760 KLOPSTOCK.....	Herman Sterzing.....	Master.
761 MAPLE GROVE.....	E. P. Green.....	Proxy.
763 CENTENNIAL.....	Emanuel Marx.....	Master.
764 SAVANNAH.....	Gorham J. Wilson.....	S. Warden.
765 VON MENSCH.....	Gustave W. Erhardt.....	Master.
766 OCCIDENTAL.....	Henry Cutting.....	Master.
767 DUNKIRK.....	Clark Bloss.....	Master.
768 SAPPHIRE.....	Ovando J. Kellogg.....	Master.
769 ANTHON.....	David Gilmer.....	Master.
770 GOLDEN RULE.....	Sidney J. H. Howes.....	Master.
771 SOLON.....	Georg Wolf.....	Master.
772 RESCUE.....	Sylvanus Taylor.....	Master.
774 LANSING.....	John H. Conklin.....	Master.
775 MOUNT LEBANON.....	Charles A. Murray.....	Master.
776 RELIANCE.....	Wm. H. Godfrey.....	Master.
778 LIVONIA.....	J. Ten Eyck Bettis.....	Master.
779 CLIO.....	Wm. Newcomb.....	Master.
780 HENRY RENNER.....	Shepard L. Vibbard.....	Master.
781 CANASERAGA.....	Egbert P. Green.....	Master.
782 TRIUNE.....	Charles D. Johnson.....	Master.
784 KING HIRAM.....	S. Dudley Cook.....	Master.
785 NIAGARA RIVER.....	Obadiah W. Cutler.....	Master.
786 ITALIA.....	Angelo Bertolino.....	Master.
787 GASPORT.....	David R. Richie.....	Master.
788 FORTUNE.....	Job Southwick.....	Master.

Fraternally submitted,

EDWARD M. L. EHLERS,	} Committee.
STEWART R. BRADBURN,	
WILLIAM H. FRANCIS,	

On motion of M. W. JOHN L. LEWIS the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That Representatives of Grand Lodges near this Grand Lodge be severally respectfully requested to procure and put on at the Annual Communications and other distinctive Masonic ceremonials, some simple and appropriate badge and insignia denoting the Grand Lodge which they represent, bearing for that purpose such appropriate device and inscription, as they may select, with the written approval of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodges they represent, with a view in that way to add to the dignity and respect due to this Grand Lodge, by showing the cordial, kindly, fraternal relations which it maintains with the Grand Lodges of the world, and a practical exhibition of the universality of Masonry.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

M. W. JESSE B. ANTHONY, from the Committee on Finance, presented a report of said Committee, which was received and its recommendations adopted :

To the Grand Lodge :

The Constitution requiring that the salaries shall be determined previous to the annual election, the Standing Committee on Finance would must respectfully present the following report and recommend that the following amounts be appropriated and set apart for the purposes hereinafter stated :

For the salary of the Grand Pursuivant.....	\$150 00
“ “ “ Tyler.....	150 00
“ “ “ Secretary.....	3,500 00
To the Grand Secretary for clerk hire.....	1,500 00
For the salary of the Grand Lecturer.....	1,500 00
For traveling expenses of the Grand Lecturer in the discharge of his official duties, to be paid on the certificate of the M. W. Grand Master (not exceeding) the sum of.....	\$400 00

Last year your Committee recommended a reduction in the salary of the Grand Pursuivant, which was adopted by the Grand Lodge.

We find that we were under a misapprehension in regard to the same and the subject having been brought to our attention at this time we desire to say a word of explanation.

The compensation allotted to the Grand Tyler and Grand Pursuivant has always been an equal amount to each officer, and is not only designed to cover the time devoted at the annual session of the Grand Body, but also during the entire year, upon ceremonial occasions, etc. These extra duties we supposed to have mainly devolved upon the Grand Tyler and hence made the reduction.

We have since been informed that the labors are more equally divided, and believing that an injustice had been unwittingly done in the reduction of last year, and that the like compensation should be allotted to each officer, we recommend the allotment as above proposed, believing the amount ample for the labors devolving upon each officer.

Fraternally submitted,

JESSE B. ANTHONY,	} Committee.
PHILIP C. BENJAMIN,	
JOHN B. ALLIGER,	

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The hour for the special order having arrived, the Grand Lodge proceeded with the election of officers.

M. W. J. EDWARD SIMMONS, Past Grand Master, in the chair.

R. W. FRANK R. LAWRENCE, was unanimously elected Grand Master,
 " JOHN W. VROOMAN, " " Deputy Grand Master.
 " JAMES TEN EYCK, " " Senior Grand Warden.
 " JOHN HODGE, " " Junior Grand Warden.
 " JOHN BOYD, " " Grand Treasurer.
 " EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, " " Grand Secretary.
 " WILLIAM D. NICHOLS, " " (in place of WILLIAM
 D. NICHOLS),.....Trustee Hall and Asylum Fund.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

R. W. EDWIN GATES, from the Special Committee on Grand Master's address, presented the following report, which was received and its recommendations adopted :

To the Grand Lodge :

The Committee appointed to subdivide the address of the Grand Master respectfully recommend :

That so much of the address as refers to deceased brethren be referred to the Committee on Fraternal Dead.

That so much of the address as refers to New Lodges and to the destruction of warrants by fire be referred to the Committee on Warrants.

That so much of the address as refers to questions and decisions, also to privileged membership, be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

That so much of the address as refers to proposed amendments to the Constitution and Statutes, be referred to the Committee on Constitution and Statutes.

That so much of the address as refers to insecure places of meeting of lodges be referred to the Special Committee appointed upon this subject at the opening session of this Grand Lodge.

That so much of the address as refers to the Work and Lectures be referred to the Committee on Work and Lectures.

That so much of the address as refers to charity be referred to the Committee on Charity.

That so much of the address as refers to the external relations of the Grand Lodge be referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

That so much of the address as refers to the Hall and Asylum be referred to the Committee on Hall and Asylum.

And we heartily recommend the very able interesting address of the Grand Master to the careful consideration of the craft.

Fraternally submitted,

EDWIN GATES,
 JOSEPH J. LITTLE, } Committee.
 GEO. W. ATWELL, JR., }

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor until this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Grand Lodge.

WEDNESDAY, June 3d, 2 o'clock P. M., A. L. 5885.

The Grand Lodge resumed its session.

Present—M. W. WILLIAM A. BRODIE, Grand Master.

Officers and Representatives as at this morning's session.

The minutes of this morning's session were read and approved.

On motion of W. ADOLPH STEEG, the following resolution was referred to the Committee on Finance :

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, donate the sum of One Thousand Dollars to the Pedestal Fund for the Statue of Liberty.

PRESENTATION OF JEWEL.

W. CHARLES M. WILLIAMS, on behalf of the brethren of the Twenty-second Masonic District, presented to M. W. WILLIAM A. BRODIE, Grand Master, a beautiful Past Grand Master's jewel.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS TO GRAND MASTER.

On motion of W. JOHN F. COLLINS, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the sincere thanks of this Grand Lodge be and the same are hereby tendered to M. W. WILLIAM A. BRODIE, our retiring Grand Master, for his able, prudent, and faithful discharge of the onerous duties of his high position during the past year.

REPRESENTATIVES OF SISTER GRAND LODGES.

The following named brethren were received, and accredited as representatives of sister Grand Lodges near this Grand Lodge :

R. W. WASHINGTON E. CONNOR, of Virginia.

" GENARO FERNANDEZ, of Peru.

" WILLIAM PETERKIN, of Delaware.

On motion of M. W. BENJAMIN FLAGLER, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the future sessions of this Grand Lodge commence at 2 o'clock P. M., of the day fixed by the Constitution.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND STATUTES.

W.: JOHN F. COLLINS, from the Committee on Constitution and Statutes, presented the report of said Committee, which was received, and its recommendations adopted :

To the Grand Lodge :

The Standing Committee on Constitution and Statutes have carefully considered the proposed amendments to the Constitution and Statutes submitted by Germania Lodge, No. 722.

Your Committee are of the opinion that the same should not be approved, and therefore recommend that they be rejected. Your Committee have also considered the matter submitted in the annual report of the Grand Secretary, and respectfully report in favor of the adoption of the following amendments to the Constitution and Statutes, so far as the same can be done at one communication of Grand Lodge :

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION.

Amend the last clause of Subdivision 5, of Section 35, of Article V. of the Constitution, so that it shall read as follows :

“To prepare on blanks to be furnished by the Grand Secretary, a statement in tabular form of the condition of each lodge in his district for the year ending on the 31st day of December in each year, and transmit such report to the Grand Secretary on or before the 15th day of May, to be by him laid before the Grand Lodge.”

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE STATUTES.

To amend Subdivision 9, of Section 32, Article XVI. of the Statutes, so that it shall read as follows :

“To make a full and correct return annually to the District Deputy Grand Master of the condition of the lodge on the 31st day of December, and in the form prescribed by the Grand Lodge, to be transmitted on or before the 5th day of May.”

Your Committee have carefully examined a Digest, submitted, of the decisions and resolutions, approved and confirmed by the Grand Lodge since the adoption of the present Constitution and Statutes.

The time at their command has been altogether inadequate for such a revision of this important and needful work, as would enable the Committee to submit a satisfactory report.

It is therefore respectfully recommended that the M.: W.: Grand Master be and he is hereby requested to appoint at the close of this session of the Grand Lodge, or as soon thereafter as may be convenient, a Special Committee to whom the Digest herein referred to shall be referred, with instructions to submit at the next session of the Grand Lodge a report covering the whole subject, together with such recommendations as it may be found needful to make.

Fraternally submitted,

J. EDWARD SIMMONS,	}	Committee.
JOHN C. GRAVES,		
JOHN F. COLLINS,		

M.: W.: J. EDWARD SIMMONS, R.: W.: JOHN C. GRAVES, and W.: JOHN F. COLLINS were appointed such Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DECEASED BRETHREN.

R. W. JOHN G. WEBSTER, from the Committee on Deceased Brethren, presented the report of said committee, which was received and its recommendation adopted.

To the Grand Lodge :

The committee, to which was referred so much of the Grand Master's address as relates to the fraternal dead, would respectfully call attention, first, to the remarkably large number of our distinguished fellow-workers of the mystic craft in our own and sister Grand jurisdictions, who, since we last met in annual communication, have fallen before the S. M. of the relentless ruffian, Death. The middle-aged and the hoary-headed, the tender father and the respected brother, the strong support of the family and the well-seasoned veteran, in the search for light and the strife for the truth, have taken their last embrace, and have gathered up their working tools to receive their wages. We know not how many kindred hearts have been caused to bleed ; but we *do* know—for it is one of the results of our brotherhood's teaching to bring to pass the fact—that many fraternal hearts have gone out to the bereaved in deep and sincere sympathy, and we may fondly trust that that has mitigated in some degree the pain of the infliction.

That these departed brethren, whose names were mentioned and whose characters were reviewed by the Grand Master in his address, were worthy of such mention and review, needs no further proof than the places which they were respectively called to occupy by and in the craft ; and there are those here present who remember with satisfaction the zeal and ability with which those of our own masonic family discharged the trusts reposed in them while they lived and wrought with us.

Without intending to be invidious, your committee would call to mind, as an example of fidelity to duty, the conduct of one of our lamented brethren in this hall one year ago. The reference is to our then Grand Marshal, and at the time of his death Junior Grand Deacon, our well-beloved R. W. CHARLES S. ARTHUR. Although enfeebled by disease, almost to the point of exhaustion, he stood at his post and performed his duty, to the astonishment of those who did not know how true and brave he was. Such conduct deserves recognition, both for its own sake and as an example to others of devotion to duty, even at the expense of personal sacrifice ; and as this particular case is typical in kind, if not in degree, of those of the others under consideration, your committee would recommend that, in addition to the assurance of our fraternal condolence with our sister Grand Lodges in the removal of their several official heads and Past Grand Masters, as well as with the kindred of those of this Grand Lodge who mourn the loss of their deceased ones, that a memorial page be inserted in our printed Transactions to each of those deceased members of this Grand Lodge whose official rank entitle their names to such recognition.

Fraternally submitted,

JOSEPH D. EVANS, JOHN G. WEBSTER, W. D. ORVILLE DOTY,	}	Committee.
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"THEIR SILENCE SPEAKS ALOUD."

R. W. CHARLES S. ARTHUR, *Past Grand Treasurer.*

Died July 3, 1884.

R. W. JASON COLLIER, *Past District Deputy Grand Master.*

Died July 24, 1884.

R. W. ISAIAH RYNDERS, *Past Senior Grand Deacon.*

Died January 12, 1885.

R. W. JOHN A. LOCKWOOD, *Past District Deputy Grand Master.*

Died February 21, 1885.

W. JOHN BARRETT, *Past Master Salem Town Lodge, No. 326.*

Died March 17, 1885.

R. W. JACOB TARTTER, *Past District Deputy Grand Master.*

Died March 29, 1885.

W. WM. J. SURRE, *Past Master Benevolent Lodge, No. 28.*

Died April 2, 1885.

R. W. J. WALLACE MACWHINNIE, *Past D. D. Grand Master.*

Died May 4, 1885.

"With us their names shall live
Through all succeeding years,
Embalmed with all our hearts can give,
Our praises and our tears."

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

R.: W.: RUFUS T. GRIGGS, from the Special Committee on Work and Lectures, continued from last session of Grand Lodge, presented a report, which was received and ordered entered in full upon the minutes :

To the Grand Lodge :

The Special Committee on Work and Lectures, reappointed by the Grand Master, under the resolution of the Grand Lodge adopted at its last annual session, requesting its continuance until the present session, to the end that the Grand Lecturer might have the effective support of such committee in the enforcement of the will of the Grand Lodge respecting Work and Lectures, do most respectfully report :

That although nothing has occurred during the year to call for special service on the part of this committee, they have, in every way possible, sought to fulfill the purpose of the Grand Lodge in their appointment.

During the year no complaint has been made to your committee of the violation of the provisions of the constitution respecting the practice of the standard work, nor have any questions been submitted to your committee for their opinion and advice.

From their own observation, and from the information they have obtained from the Grand Lecturer and other sources, your committee are of the opinion that no disposition has been manifested during the past year on the part of the brethren to evade the will of the Grand Lodge respecting the practice of the standard work, but that, on the contrary, a spirit of commendable zeal and pride in excelling in its practice, has distinguished the great majority of our officers.

Indefinite rumors of an occasional exception to this rule lead your committee to again urge upon the brethren a strict observance of the will of the Grand Lodge upon this important subject.

Your committee again bear cheerful testimony to the faithful service of the Grand Lecturer, and after another year's careful observation of our system of exemplification of masonic work through conventions held in the several masonic districts, reiterate, with added emphasis, the commendation of the same, contained in their former report.

The importance of accuracy and uniformity in our work cannot be overestimated, and your committee, satisfied of the wisdom of our system of instruction, urge upon the members of the Grand Lodge their duty to heartily second and support the Grand Lecturer in his work, reminding them that the obligation to do this cannot be delegated to any committee, but must rest upon and continue with those who are called upon to preside over and govern our lodges.

In the opinion of your committee there rests upon the master of a lodge no plainer or more important duty than that of attending upon the conventions of the Grand Lecturer and of urging upon the other officers of his lodge their duty to avail themselves of the means of instruction therein offered.

When the District Deputies and the Masters of Lodges shall each and all personally give to the Grand Lecturer that effective support which can be given him in no other way so well, the wisdom of our system of masonic instruction will be fully vindicated, and the reputation of this jurisdiction for uniform and excellent work will be firmly established.

Fraternally submitted,

RUFUS T. GRIGGS, CHARLES T. McCLENACHAN, FLOYD CLARKSON, WM. SHERER, ROBERT BONYNGE, REON BARNES, CHARLES W. BROWN,	}	Committee.
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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WARRANTS.

M.: W.: JAMES W. HUSTED, from the Committee on Warrants, presented the report of said committee, which was received and its recommendations adopted.

To the Grand Lodge:

Your Committee on Warrants respectfully report that they have considered the different matters referred to them, and submit the following report:

Union Lodge, No. 114; What Cheer Lodge, No. 689, and Mount Horeb Lodge, No. 707, having lost their charters by fire, it is recommended that new charters be issued to the aforesaid lodges without fee.

In the matter of Red Creek Lodge, No. 560, praying permission to continue work in the village of Wolcott for the space of one year from June, 1885, it is recommended that the prayer be granted, and that the said lodge have permission to work for the period of one year in the village of Wolcott.

In the matter of Oswegatchie Lodge, No. 687, in default to Grand Lodge, it is recommended, in view of the fact that Oswegatchie Lodge is striving earnestly to meet its obligations, that said lodge have further time granted to enable it to liquidate its indebtedness.

In the matters of Kingston Lodge, No. 10; Middle Granville Lodge, No 55, and La Sincerité Lodge, No. 378, all applying to have their old warrants returned to them, that they may preserve them as relics in the archives of their respective lodges, it is recommended that the prayer of the petitioners be granted; and that the original warrant of Washington Lodge, No. 11, be returned to Fort Edward Lodge, No. 267.

It is recommended that the warrants of Rensselaer Lodge, No. 609; Jersey Lodge No. 668, and Sentinel Lodge, No. 151, be declared forfeited.

In the matters of White Face Mountain Lodge, U. D., and Tahawus Lodge, U. D., making applications for charters, the committee begs leave to report that after careful examination they find the applications to be in due form as required by the constitution and statutes of this Grand Lodge, and they therefore recommend that warrants be granted to White Face Mountain Lodge, U. D., and Tahawus Lodge, U. D.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES W. HUSTED,	} Committee.
WM. H. McDOUGALL,	
HENRY STENGEL,	
HENRY KIRCHNER,	
CHARLES A. HOPPER,	
WAYNE L. COLLINS,	
FRANK L. NORTON,	
WM. W. SHIPLEY,	
HUDSON ANSLEY,	

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Grand Lodge.

THURSDAY, June 4th, 9 o'clock, A. M., A. L. 5885.

The Grand Lodge resumed its session.

Present—M. W. WILLIAM A. BRODIE, Grand Master.

Officers and representatives as before.

Prayer by R. W. CHAS. W. CAMP, Grand Chaplain.

The Minutes of yesterday afternoon's session were read and approved.

TELEGRAM.

The following telegram from the Grand Lodge of Washington Territory was received, ordered spread upon the minutes, and the Grand Secretary directed to reply thereto :

TACOMA, W. T., June 3, 1885.

To EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, *Grand Secretary Grand Lodge of New York* :

The Grand Lodge of Washington Territory F. and A. Masons now in annual session fraternally greets the Grand Lodge of New York.

T. M. REED, *Grand Secretary*.

NEW YORK, June 4, 1885.

To T. M. REED, *Grand Secretary, Tacoma, Washington Territory* :

The Grand Lodge of New York acknowledges and cordially returns the fraternal greeting of the Grand Lodge of Washington Territory.

EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, *Grand Secretary*.

On motion of M. W. J. EDWARD SIMMONS the following resolution was referred to the Committee on Finance :

Resolved, That a special committee of three, be appointed, for the purpose of procuring, under the supervision, and with the approval of the Grand Master, such additional regalia as may be required by the officers of this Grand Lodge, and to establish such changes in the regalia of the elected officers as will properly distinguish the same from that of the appointed officers of Grand Lodge.

On motion the Grand Secretary was directed to charge two dollars instead of five for Past Master's certificates.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WORK AND LECTURES.

W. GEORGE BAKER from the Committee on Work and Lectures presented the report of said Committee, which was received and its recommendation adopted :

To the Grand Lodge :

Your Committee on Work and Lectures, respectfully report :

That they have carefully examined the annual Report of the Grand Lecturer, dated May 1, 1885, submitted to the Grand Lodge at this communication, and referred to your Committee; and find that he has faithfully and efficiently performed his official duties during the past year, and recommend the adoption of his Report.

Believing that accuracy and uniformity in the work can best be secured by constant care and watchfulness; and in view of the valuable services rendered

by the Special Committee on Work and Lectures appointed at the annual communication of this Grand Lodge in 1888, and re-appointed under a resolution adopted by the Grand Lodge in 1884; your Committee respectfully recommend that the M. W. Grand Master be requested to continue until the next annual session of the Grand Lodge, the Special Committee on Work and Lectures, for the purpose of aiding and supporting the Grand Lecturer in enforcing the will of the Grand Lodge regarding Work and Lectures.

Your Committee further report that they most heartily concur in such of the recommendations in the M. W. Grand Master's Report, as were referred to them, and recommend their adoption by the Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

GEO. BAKER,
GEO. A. WATERBURY,
JOHN L. GODLEY,
JNO. KENDALL DUNN,
LUTHER M. HAIR,
WILLIAM K. HALL,
JAMES H. GRACEY,
GEO. E. WATKINS,
JAMES T. WELTON,

Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

M. W. JESSE B. ANTHONY, from the Committee on Finance, presented the report of said committee, which was received, and its recommendations adopted :

To the Grand Lodge :

The Standing Committee on Finance most respectfully report that they have carefully examined the various matters referred to them, being appropriations from the funds of this Grand Lodge, and would recommend that the following sums be set apart for the purpose hereinafter mentioned :

Committee on Pay of Representatives for clerk hire.....	\$15 00
Trustees of the Hall and Asylum Fund, for rent of rooms in the Temple, used by the Grand Lodge and Grand Officers.....	3,000 00
Stationery, postage and contingent expenses of the M. W. Grand Master, during the past year	76 25
Committee on Foreign Correspondence and for translations.....	400 00
GEO. W. MORGAN services as organist at opening of Grand Lodge and expenses	22 00
MICHAEL SCHLIG, for music furnished at the opening ceremonies of the Grand Lodge.....	40 00
A. R. SCOTT & Co. for 1500 copies of Grand Master's Address.....	62 00
M. W. JNO. L. LEWIS to re-emburse him for expenses in collecting and caring for the historical papers of the Grand Lodge.....	25 00

The marked improvement which has been made in the library of the Grand Lodge and the facilities afforded to the craft through the medium of its reading-room commends itself to your careful attention, and we most cheerfully recommend the appropriation asked for by the Grand Librarian to enable him to carry on a work which is not only to the credit of the Grand Lodge, but also of immense value to the welfare and the growth of the craft.

The intellectual treasures heretofore almost inaccessible to the craft, are now available to the student in our history, jurisprudence and symbolism, and the money thus invested will bring in goodly returns in the elevation and building up of the masonic workers.

We recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

"That the sum of three hundred dollars (\$300) be appropriated to the Grand Librarian, to be used for purposes of binding and the purchase of new masonic works for the Grand Lodge Library."

Your Committee would recommend the adoption of the resolution offered by R. W. EDWARD H. WALKER, viz. :

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to publish annually, in the printed proceedings, the portrait of a Past Grand Master, in addition to that of the retiring Grand Master.

We believe that the preservation of the familiar and loved lineament of the older Past Grand officers will be of value to the craft and a deserving compliment to those who have labored many years in the interest of the Grand Body and become identified with its history.

Your Committee would report that they have thoroughly examined the books and accounts of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer and find them correct. They are also duly certified quarterly by a committee appointed for said purpose.

The total receipts by the Grand Secretary have been as follows :

From returns of lodges, etc., since last printed financial exhibit, viz. :	
year ending April 30, 1884.....	\$85,181 25
From returns of lodges to December 31, 1884.....	52,078 08
From certificates, dispensations, etc., to December 31, 1884.....	772 10
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	138,031 38
To which add interest on deposits collected by the Grand Treasurer..	37 67
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Total receipts to April 30, 1885.....	\$138,069 05
The disbursements have been as per account of the Grand Treasurer	113,096 86
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Leaving a balance of.....	\$25,032 19
in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, on deposit in the National Citizens' Bank to the credit of the Grand Lodge, which is held to cover the pay of representatives for this annual session, regular expenses of the year and appropriations which may be made.	

The alteration in the close of the masonic year, with reference to returns of lodges and payment of annual dues has during the past year demonstrated the importance and necessity of the change.

The labors of the Grand Secretary's office which heretofore were crowded into the month preceding the annual communication of the Grand Lodge, have been distributed over several months and enabled him to present his books and accounts in complete and thorough shape for the inspection of the Grand Lodge and also to give the necessary attention to the details appertaining to this vast jurisdiction which under the old method it was almost impossible to do.

In order to enable the Grand Secretary to present the full year's finances in the printed statement of the receipts and expenditures, the lodges should pay the amount of their returns *previous to May 1st*, and we would earnestly recommend promptness in this particular.

We cannot too highly commend the Grand Secretary and his able assistant for the marked improvement which has been made in the details of the Grand Secretary's office and the faithful manner in which the duties have been performed.

There has been received, since April 30, 1885, by the Grand Secretary, the sum of \$3,133.89 (June 2nd) which is deposited in the Garfield National Bank to the credit of the Grand Lodge.

In relation to the following resolution—

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Masons in the State of New York, donate the sum of one thousand dollars to the pedestal fund for the statue of Liberty —

Your Committee would respectfully report that while as individuals and citizens of this great republic it is our duty and should be esteemed a privilege to contribute of our means to the fund now being raised to provide a suitable Pedestal for the Statue of Liberty given to this country by France, and your Committee would earnestly second the appeal which has, we understand, been transmitted to the several lodges for individual subscriptions, yet as the funds of this Grand Lodge are held in trust for certain specific purposes—masonic in their nature—they cannot, in the judgment of your Committee, be appropriated as called for by the resolution.

We would therefore report adversely on the resolution and recommend that it be not adopted.

In relation to the resolution offered by M. W. J. EDWARD SIMMONS, contemplating the purchase of additional regalia required by the officers of the Grand Lodge, your Committee report in its favor and recommend an appropriation of five hundred dollars (\$500) from the funds of this Grand Lodge to carry it into effect.

Your Committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer is hereby authorized to pay, upon the certificate of the Grand Secretary, the necessary expenses connected with the offices of the Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, and Grand Librarian, including printing, stationery, postage, etc., for the ensuing year.

Resolved, That all the funds of the Grand Lodge for the current year, beyond the sums required to meet the contingent expenses and appropriations already made, or which may be made during the present communication of the Grand Lodge, be and they are hereby devoted to the Hall and Asylum Fund, and be paid to the trustees of said fund.

Fraternally submitted,

JESSE B. ANTHONY,
PHILIP C. BENJAMIN, } Committee.
JNO. B. ALLIGER,

REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS OF APPEALS.

M. W. JAMES GIBSON, Chief Commissioner, presented the report of the Commissioners of Appeals, which was received, and its recommendation adopted :

To the Grand Lodge :

I. In the matter of the appeal of JAMES J. JACKSON :

This appeal is taken from the action of Ark Lodge, No. 48, expelling the appellant from all the rights and privileges of masonry, for immoral and unmasonic conduct.

The Commissioners do not think it discreet to spread upon the published proceedings of this Grand Body the charges or the evidence in this case, as they embrace details which ought to be nameless. The evidence has been carefully scrutinized by the Commissioners, and the sentence of the lodge, in their judgment, is fully justified thereby, and appropriate to the offense.

The accused, when charged with the offense by the father of one of those injured, said he "would not have done so if he had not been drinking," and very likely his statement, in this respect, is true, but intoxication is no excuse much less a justification for his offense, for if it were, one designing or intending to do a wicked or unlawful act, could easily get intoxicated and then execute his intentions with impunity. A man may disguise himself with liquor, but he remains morally and legally responsible to the offended law for any misconduct he may commit while so disguised.

The appellant has raised some questions as to the legality of the proceedings had against him, in that the complaint did not specify time, place and circumstances of the offense with sufficient detail. But there was enough to enable him easily to prepare for his trial, and he had been repeatedly charged with the offenses, and had full knowledge of what he was required to justify. He also requested an adjournment of the trial, which was refused. But only one witness was examined on this hearing, and an adjournment was then had without objection by either side, for several days, and on proceeding to the trial on the adjourned day, the application for an adjournment was not renewed.

The appellant now objects that the witnesses against him were not duly sworn, but no such objection was made when they were examined, and if of any validity the objection comes too late at this time.

The other objections of the appellant are frivolous, and without merit.

The Commissioners are of opinion that there is nothing in the proceedings appealed from calling for disapproval, and they recommend that the same be in all things affirmed, and that the accused be and is by the judgment of the Grand Lodge expelled from all the rights and privileges of masonry.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES GIBSON,
JOHN A. DE REMER,
EDWARD L. GAUL,
WILLIAM SHERER,
FREDERICK A. BURNHAM,
RALPH E. PRIME,
ABRAM J. DITTENHOEFER,

Commissioners.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES.

W.: WILLIAM H. ANDREWS, from the Committee on Grievances, presented the report of said Committee, which was received, and its recommendation adopted :

To the Grand Lodge :

The Committee on Grievances, to whom was referred the following letter,

“ NEWARK, May 1, 1885.

“Gentlemen of the Grand Lodge of Masons in the State of New York :

“ I request, if it be your pleasure, to be restored as a member of the Order in the relations I held in the Order some years since. In doing so you will oblige,

Yours, very respectfully,

BENJAMIN C. DUTCHER.”

would respectfully report :

That in the year 1841 the said BENJAMIN C. DUTCHER was W.: M.: of Independent Royal Arch Lodge, No. 2, of the city of New York. That while acting as such Master, R.: W.: Bro. WILLIAM WILLIS, who was then the Deputy Grand Master of the State of New York, and a member of Independent Royal Arch Lodge, No. 2, entered the Lodge after it had opened for the purpose of ascertaining whether he was or was not a member of said lodge ; he claiming he was, and the W.: M.: asserting he was not. That a warm discussion was had between them, when the Master peremptorily closed the lodge.

The Deputy Grand Master immediately re-opened the lodge for the purpose of considering some of his personal matters, transacted certain business, and ordered the W.: M.: to surrender the charter of the lodge, which he declined to do.

Thereafter the said DUTCHER filed with the lodge a document in which he questioned the authority of the Grand Lodge as being supreme, and charging that the officers of the Grand Lodge had usurped power not granted to them, in visiting said Independent Royal Arch Lodge, No. 2.

At a special meeting this document was approved by the lodge ; but at its next regular meeting all references thereto was ordered to be expunged from the record, and all the printed copies of the document destroyed.

It also appears that said DUTCHER sent a copy thereof to Mount Moriah lodge. The attention of the Grand Lodge was called to these alleged offenses, whereupon a committee was appointed to examine into the matter, who recommended the following resolution which was adopted by the Grand Lodge, and said DUTCHER expelled June 3, 1841:

Resolved, That Bro. BENJAMIN C. DUTCHER, W.: M.: of Independent Royal Arch Lodge, No. 2, be and is hereby expelled from the masonic fraternity, and that the warrant of said lodge be delivered to the S. W. thereof, with instructions to hold and act under the same until the next annual election.

Thereafter a substituted charter was issued under which the lodge has worked.

Thus matters have stood until the present time, when this application for restoration is made.

Your committee has made diligent inquiry into the case ; were shown and carefully examined the original minutes of the lodge in which the transaction and document are most fully and minutely set forth ; that they were attended by a representative of Independent Royal Arch Lodge, No. 2, from all of which we learn, that the said BENJAMIN C. DUTCHER is now and always has been a most worthy, reputable and respected citizen ; that he is over eighty years of age, and is desirous of being restored to the rights of masonry so that he may die a member of the fraternity ; that he has restored the charter, which is now in the possession of the lodge ; and that Independent Royal Arch Lodge, No. 2, most earnestly desire and urge his restoration.

Your committee, therefore, without inquiry into, or questioning the regularity or legality of his expulsion, and believing that the offense charged against him has been fully expiated and atoned for by over forty years' deprivation from brotherly intercourse with the craft, and the rights and benefits of the Order, recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the said BENJAMIN C. DUTCHER be and is hereby restored to the rights and privileges of masonry.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM H. ANDREWS,	} <i>Committee.</i>
GEORGE W. CHAPMAN,	
MATTHEW W. MARVIN,	

On motion of R. W. EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, the exemplification of the work by the Grand Lecturer, and the report of the committee on exemplification of the work were dispensed with at this session of Grand Lodge.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE.

M. W. JOHN L. LEWIS, from the Committee on Jurisprudence, presented the report of said committee, which was received and its recommendations adopted :

To the Grand Lodge :

The Committee on Jurisprudence respectfully report :

That their attention has been called to so much of the Grand Master's address as was specially referred to it, and which were the only matters that have claimed their serious attention so far as to appear in this report.

Respectfully entertaining the opinion that it is their peculiar province, not so much to originate new legislation, or suggest appropriate subjects for it, as to give its views of the proper construction of existing laws, it has given to the matters thus referred, its careful and thoughtful consideration, and that full discussion in committee which their importance, and the respect which its members have, for the high and distinguished source from which they proceed, not only claim but require at its hands.

It is to be regretted that so much of the duties of this committee are unavoidably so compressed by the limitation of time, that they do not furnish that full opportunity for giving the reasons for its opinions, which justice to itself, and the regard it has for the Grand Lodge, whose organ in their expression they conceive it should so much receive. A mere difference of views—or controversy, if any one pleases so to name it—requires patient investigation of facts and a careful examination and comparison of authorities in respect to controlling principles of law, to arrive at a just and proper conclusion upon any subject affecting the rights of individuals, and this precept applies with far greater force where the interests of many are concerned. But we are enabled to say so much as this, that such investigation and examination, though necessarily a cursory one, has led us to believe that there is no real conflict between the conclusions of the Committee on Jurisprudence in 1875 and those of 1880. Cases which seem analogous are not necessarily identical, and may not only point to, but absolutely direct to different results in different phases.

We think our labors have been greatly abridged, and our conclusions narrowed by arguments and reasons presented by this committee in 1879 and 1880, on the question of privileged members, and we can see no proper cause for their disturbance in this report. It seems the same case with but slightly divergent facts, into which it is not possible for us now to inquire. We are, however, unable now to give in detail the reasons which have influenced this determination, but they are such as have induced us to arrive at an unanimous expression. The committee, therefore, thus emphatically reaffirm the positions and convictions of the committees of 1879 and 1880, and with few slight verbal alterations of the resolution of 1880 on the subject, present it for adoption as now modified by it.

As to the second point so referred to us on the rights of unaffiliated members to visit, etc., we fully approve the decision of the Grand Master, and the grounds upon which it is based.

It is in no irreverent, but rather that of a justly admiring spirit, that we refer to the principle contained in the doctrine of the apostolic declaration upon this point. If there are those of the household of faith who voluntarily, by their omission and neglect, return to the beggarly elements of the outside world, they cannot claim, though in charity they may receive, any other rights than those of the heathen man and infidel.

As our conclusions, we subjoin these resolutions :

1. *Resolved*, That a privileged member, under a by-law relative to payment of dues for a period of years, and to be thereafter exempt, acquire thereby, necessarily, no vested interest ; the contract, if such it be, between him and his lodge being executory only, and subject to an amendatory clause of the by-laws of the lodge, by which it may be at any time amended, changed or repealed.

2. *Resolved*, That the decision of the Grand Master as to the rights of an unaffiliated member in the case presented by him is fully approved.

Fraternally submitted,

EDMUND L. JUDSON,
JOHN L. LEWIS,
CLINTON F. PAIGE,
CHARLES ROOME,
JOSEPH J. COUCH,
ELLWOOD E. THORNE,
JOHN R. ANDERSON,

Committee.

On motion of R. W. FRANK R. LAWRENCE, the Committee on Jurisprudence was continued to investigate the question of privileged membership in all its branches, and report at the next session of Grand Lodge.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HALL AND ASYLUM.

R. W. CHARLES W. CAMP, from the Committee on Hall and Asylum Fund, presented the report of said committee, which was received and its recommendations adopted :

To the Grand Lodge :

The report of the Trustees of the Hall and Asylum Fund, with the accompanying books, vouchers, etc., were submitted to the Committee on Hall and Asylum Fund on the evening of June 1st.

As the result of our deliberations and investigation, your committee would most respectfully report as follows :

We find that the Board of Trustees have adopted and now practice a system of bookkeeping, admirably conceived, and beyond criticism in its every detail, by which your committee were enabled to rapidly and intelligently trace all the financial transactions of the Board, and which we find to be substantially as appears in the printed report.

Your committee desires to express their appreciation of the voluntary and constant attendance upon the committee shown by the Board of Trustees, and their uniform courtesy in affording us every facility for the proper discharge of our duties, thereby lessening in no slight degree the arduous labors heretofore performed by the Committee on Hall and Asylum Fund.

Your committee are of the opinion that in the payment of \$80,000 of the Income Bonds ; and the replacing of the total amount now outstanding, viz. : \$78,500, by the issue of new Income Bonds at the reduced rate of five (5) per cent., the trustees have displayed a highly commendable degree of business tact and sagacity, and are to be heartily congratulated upon their success.

We cordially unite with the Trustees in felicitating the Grand Lodge, and through them the fraternity, in the gratifying reduction thus made in the amount of outstanding Income Bonds, and if we are prompted to direct attention to the present existence of a floating debt of approximately \$19,000, we understand that this will be paid without changing the careful estimate on the bottom of page 16 of the printed report.

Your committee finds that in the restoration of the Temple to its former utility, the Trustees have combined economy with rare good taste and judgment. The beauty of the decorations and elegance of the furnishings, are not only gratifying to the taste and conducive to the comfort of the brethren, but have already had the desired effect of attracting to the Temple eight lodges and two chapters, thereby increasing the net rental by \$3,195, which sum, with the \$1,000 now paid by the Garfield National Bank for the store formerly occupied by D. B. HOWELL & Co., makes the net increase in rental \$4,195.

We direct attention to the fact that the \$18,000 expended by the trustees in excess of the balance on hand from the fire-loss, was entirely justified because of the necessary and material changes and additions to the building itself; notably, the substitution of a granite pediment, resting on the main walls, for the former large centre tower imperfectly supported upon iron girders running across the building; the fire-proofing of the side walls, ceiling and passages around the Commandery Room; the enlargement of the Austin Room and placing an organ on the main floor, all of which while not properly a part of the restoration, tends to enhance the real and speculative value of the building proper.

The Library Room now has a home-like and enticing aspect, and is justly an object of pride to the fraternity. With the trustees, to whom the craft is indebted for this attractive improvement, we unite in commending R. W. Bro. FRANK R. LAWRENCE to the gratitude of the brethren for his active interest in the plan by which the entire cost of papers and periodicals for the library is defrayed without expense to the Fund.

In the matter of Arrearages of Rent, which at last report of the trustees, amounted to \$17,461.18, it is the opinion of your Committee that had the former trustees displayed greater care in properly recording and classifying the charges for and payments of rent, and exhibited more diligence in promptly collecting the amounts as they matured, not only would the Hall and Asylum Fund have been largely the gainer, but that demoralization which naturally ensued among the tenants would have been almost entirely avoided. It is entirely due to the faithful effort of the present trustees combined with their admirable system of accounts, that we are privileged to report that not only has the amount of arrearage been reduced to \$6,523.12, but that, in our opinion, there will be no recurrence of so large an indebtedness upon the part of the various bodies meeting in the Temple. Concerning the information requested by the trustees as to "What shall be done with those who seem not to care" about the liquidation of their obligations, your committee are not prepared to recommend any action on the part of the Grand Lodge. We prefer to reiterate our entire confidence in the discretion of the trustees, and would suggest that they act in each case as their judgment may prompt.

Your committee has deliberated at some length upon the matter of demanding from R. W. Bro. THEOPHILUS PRATT the return of \$620, which sum was paid him while a member of the Board of Trustees, for adjusting the loss by fire in the Temple, December 1, 1883. We concede the legal aspect of the case as presented in the opinions of R. W. Bro. R. T. GRIGGS and W. Bro. A. J. DITZENHOEFER, and are emphatically of the opinion also that a principle is here involved which should at all times be vigorously maintained, especially in the light of the positive utterance by the Grand Lodge at its last session, "That no trustee should receive money from the Hall and Asylum Fund for services rendered."

We heartily concur in the action of the trustees in demanding from R. W. Bro. PRATT a return of the sum of money so paid to him as aforesaid; but whether any further steps are to be taken in the premises or not, we would most respectfully leave to the discretion of the Grand Master.

This committee cannot pass by the clause in the report referring to the failure of Bro. DEDERICK to account for some discrepancies in his books, without expressing surprise at the course pursued by the late Treasurer of the Fund, and referring the matter to the Grand Master for such action as he may see fit in the premises.

Your committee would recommend that in future, when making up the schedule of assets, the trustees strike out all items known by them to be worthless.

Another potent cause for mutual congratulation and an additional evidence of the zeal displayed by the trustees in their careful management and husbanding of the fund, appears in their having been able to add \$847.96 to their income by the interest at the rate of three per cent., allowed on their deposits with the New York Life Insurance and Trust Company.

With regard to the trustees' expectation to apply at least \$47,000 of the anticipated income to the payment of income bonds, your committee find that such expectation is based upon the most conservative estimates, and clearly within the limit of a reasonable possibility.

With regard to the successful effort of the committee, consisting of the elective officers of the Grand Lodge, who at the last annual communication were appointed a committee to apply to the Legislature of this State for the enactment of such legislation as will give to the Grand Lodge, or to such officer or committee as it may direct, such supervisory power over the Trustees of the Hall and Asylum Fund, as may be necessary and proper, we cannot but feel that such action was wise and will tend greatly to make the administration of the affairs of the fund careful and economical; and we feel that had this been done earlier in the history of this enterprise, many of the faults and shortcomings of the past would have been avoided.

Your committee therefore propose the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the thanks of the fraternity are due, and are hereby tendered, to the present Board of Trustees of the Hall and Asylum Fund for the able and satisfactory manner in which they have performed their duties.

Resolved, That the action of the trustees in exceeding in repairs the amount of insurance received, was wise and entirely justified.

Resolved, That the trustees, in their dealings with all who are or may become indebted to the fund, be urged to put aside all sentiment, and conduct the affairs of the fund on strict business principles, extending credit to tenants only when in their judgment such tenants may be perfectly responsible.

Resolved, That the cases of R. W. Bros. T. PRATT and Z. DEDERICK be referred to the Grand Master.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge are due, and hereby tendered to the committee of elective officers of the Grand Lodge for their valuable services in procuring the legislation necessary to give the Grand Lodge supervisory power over the Trustees of the Hall and Asylum Fund.

Fraternally submitted,

CHARLES W. CAMP,
N. LOUIS TUNIS,
WRIGHT D. POWNALL,
HENRY DRISLER, JR.,
MARTIN V. B. IVES,
ALONZO E. CHERRY,
STRATTON S. KNOX,
NATHANIEL A. GEARHART,
FRANK T. GILBERT,

Committee.

R. W. SYDNEY F. WALKER, District Deputy Grand Master of the Third Masonic District, appeared in Grand Lodge and assumed his station.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRINTING.

R. W. ROBERT MACOY, from the Committee on Printing, presented the report of said committee, which was received and its recommendation adopted :

To the Grand Lodge :

The Committee on Printing, recognizing that their duties begin after rather than during the session of the Grand Lodge, would respectfully recommend that the Grand Secretary be and he is hereby authorized to have executed such printing as is usual and necessary for the business of his office and the use of the Grand Lodge for the current year.

Fraternally submitted,

ROBERT MACOY,	} Committee.
JOHN G. FIELD,	
JOHN E. WANGLER,	

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

W. CHARLES T. MCCLENACHAN, from the Special Committee, in the matter of meeting-places insecure for masonic purposes, presented the report of said committee, which was received and its recommendations adopted :

To the Grand Lodge :

The Special Committee, to whom was referred a communication from Bethel Lodge, No. 733, as also that portion of the Grand Master's address in relation to "Insecure Places of Masonic Meetings," fraternally report :

That the subject is one requiring reflection, and not without some difficulty of solution. It appears that the Grand Master, on the 7th of April, 1885, placed his interdict on the use of certain apartments in a prominent building, in the City of New York, in consequence of an evident impropriety in the use thereof for masonic work ; that the said apartments separated the lodge from the profane by an imperfect partition failing to confine the sounds, and rendered otherwise unfit for the purposes of masonry, for which they were being used. The interdict affected Bethel and other lodges, and led, properly, to a reflection on the part of such lodge, whether other apartments about the city were not open to the same criticism. This it was not difficult to find, and Bethel Lodge has consequently called the attention of this Grand Body to an impending danger to the esoteric work, and deserves commendation for its zeal to check an existing, as well as a growing, evil.

The freedom of American institutions and societies, to which the men of the present age belong, being generally of a political, secular, or other nature, not requiring secrecy, tends to liberty of action and expression that is not readily laid aside when entering the precincts of a lodge, and the required restraint is apt to be relaxed as to the surroundings of the lodge-room. The position of the shades, blinds, skylights; the condition of the partitions, windows, ventilators, and baize or leather-covered doors, etc.; and, indeed, in some instances the condition of the floors and ceilings invite the gratification of curiosity on the part of the outer world.

This subject on the first thought presumed to be of no magnitude, became one of evident importance as your committee progressed in its inquiries.

Your committee do not deem it within their province to particularize structures, in their opinion deemed unsafe, as at present arranged and conducted; but they feel assured, and have had evidence before them, that a number of such exist within the radius of a mile of the Masonic Hall.

To what extent any such condition of affairs exists throughout the other cities and towns of the State, your committee is not thoroughly advised; while we believe the brethren are apt to be more guardful of their trust, yet to a measured extent it is presumable that many of the same dangers exist, and immediate proper steps should be taken to arrest the growing evil.

Your committee, in consideration of all these views and facts, deem it essential that the Grand Lodge should take immediate and decided action in the premises, and that the Grand Master should exercise the authority inherent in him, in ending this existing evil. The following recommendations are accordingly submitted:

Resolved, That the Grand Master is authorized and requested to appoint a Board of three Examiners, whose powers shall extend over the cities of New York and Brooklyn, and whose duty it shall be to make a thorough examination of every apartment and structure used for masonic purposes by the lodges in the said District, as to their security against the outer world, and to do all such other acts in the premises as the Grand Master may require, in order to accomplish the purposes of security mentioned in this report.

Resolved, That the District Deputies, other than those whose supervision exists over the cities of New York and Brooklyn, are hereby severally required, within ninety days from the date of the adoption of this resolution, to make thorough examination of every apartment and structure used for masonic purposes by the lodges in the said several districts, as to their security against profanes, and to file a report of the same (together with their recommendations, giving the name and number of each lodge and its place of meeting) in the office of the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge, to the end that the Grand Master may sanction or interdict the assembling of lodges in the places designated respectively.

Fraternally submitted,

CHARLES T. McCLENACHAN,	} <i>Special Committee.</i>
CHARLES M. WILLIAMS,	
GEORGE BARKER,	

The Grand Master appointed

W.: CHARLES T. MCCLENACHAN,
 " STEWART R. BRADBURN,
 " G. FRANK E. PEARSALL,

to examine the lodge-rooms in the cities of New York and Brooklyn as to their security for masonic purposes.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHARITY.

R.: W.: CHARLES E. LANSING, for the Committee on Charity, presented the report of said committee, which was received and its recommendation adopted :

To the Grand Lodge :

The Committee on Charity most respectfully report that they have given due and careful attention to the subject assigned to them. After having read the applications for relief submitted, and recognizing the fact that they may in every way be deserving of some attention, your committee believing that this Grand Body is convened for legislation and not for charity ; therefore,

Resolved, That the petitions and applications be, and hereby are, denied.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN BOYD,
 ADDISON GARDNER, } *Committee.*
 JOS. W. BEATLEY,

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND STATUTES.

R.: W.: JOHN C. GRAVES, from the Committee on Constitution and Statutes, presented a supplementary report of said committee, which was received and its recommendation adopted :

To the Grand Lodge :

The Committee on Constitution and Statutes, to which was referred so much of the Grand Master's address as related to the needed modification of Section 56 of the Masonic Code of Procedure, respectfully reports that it has considered the question referred to it, and recommend the following amendment : Strike out the words "except as herein stated," and all in said section after the word "penalty," so that the section will read as follows : "§ 56. The lodge may by resolution reverse the decision of the Commissioners in every particular, or it may modify or change it by increasing or diminishing the penalty."

Fraternally submitted,

J. EDWARD SIMMONS, }
 JOHN C. GRAVES, } *Committee.*
 JOHN F. COLLINS.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

R. W.: DANIEL SICKELS, from the Committee on Unfinished Business, presented the following report, which was adopted :

To the Grand Lodge :

Your Committee would most respectfully report that they have carefully examined the transactions of the annual session of this Grand Lodge of June 1884, and are happy to be able to say that but little was left unfinished at the close of said session, and the matter so left has been completed in accordance with the custom of this Grand Lodge to carefully finish its work at the earliest possible day.

Fraternally submitted,

ISAAC PHILLIPS,	} Committee.
DANIEL SICKELS,	
JOHN D. WILLIAMS,	

The Grand Officers were installed in their several stations by M. W.: EDMUND L. JUDSON, Past Grand Master, assisted by R. W.: JOHN R. SCHLICK, Grand Marshal, and prayer by R. W.: CHARLES W. CAMP, Grand Chaplain.

M. W.: FRANK R. LAWRENCE, Grand Master appointed as the Special Committee in the matter of Grand Lodge Regalia :

M. W.: JESSE B. ANTHONY,
R. W.: JOHN STEWARD,
W. N. LOUIS TUNIS.

M. W.: FRANK R. LAWRENCE, Grand Master, nominated for Chief Commissioner of Appeals, R. W.: FREDERICK A. BURNHAM ; for Commissioner of Appeals, in place of R. W.: EDWARD L. GAUL, R. W.: EDWARD L. GAUL ; in place of W. JOHN A. DE REMER, W. EDMUND L. PITTS ; in place of R. W.: FREDERICK A. BURNHAM, Chief Commissioner, R. W.: WILLIAM T. WOODRUFF ; which nominations were confirmed by Grand Lodge.

PRESENTATION OF PORTRAIT.

An excellent portrait in oil of the retiring Grand Master from the *atelier* of R. W. FREDERICK W. HERRING, was presented as the gift of various brethren, by M. W. CHARLES ROOME, and received on behalf of Grand Lodge by M. W. JOSEPH D. EVANS.

M. W. FRANK R. LAWRENCE, Grand Master, addressed the Grand Lodge as follows :

BRETHREN :

It is the established custom that at the end of each year of labor the Grand Master should address the Grand Lodge concerning the work that has been accomplished, and it seems equally appropriate that ere we separate to begin a new period of endeavor, he who has been placed in the highest station among you should utter a few words, at once of greeting and of parting.

Your newly installed Grand Master enters upon his great office with but little sense of personal exaltation, because of the deep consciousness of responsibility assumed, in which every other feeling for the moment sinks ; yet when he reflects upon the many great and brilliant men who in other days have swayed with loving hands the peaceful sceptre of your power, he knows not how to acknowledge in adequate words the honor done him in being made your chief.

Adopting the words addressed to the Grand Lodge almost thirty years ago upon an occasion similar to the present, by a Most Worshipful and venerated brother to whose voice we reverently listened yesterday and to-day, let me briefly, gratefully say : "I regard the office of Grand Master of Masons as among the proudest of earthly honors, and you have added to its value by the manner in which it has been bestowed."

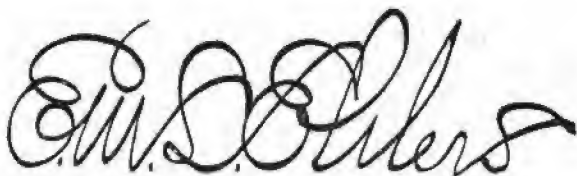
Brethren : Great and useful labors are before us. We speak often and proudly of the extent of our almost imperial jurisdiction, and of the greatness of the number who acknowledge our rule. Let us recollect that these are proper subjects of self-gratulation only while our labors achieved are commensurate to our capabilities and strength.

We are now to separate, each to return to his own masonic household, and not again to gather together in the General Assembly of Masons, until another milestone in the journey of life shall have been passed.

Masters! Let the adding to our numbers be not the greatest of your cares. To regard numerical strength as the true test of masonic success would be a most vital and unfortunate error. Let your first thought be for the welfare of your brethren. Be to them tender and loving; striving by precept and example to aid them to be just and upright, reverent and God-fearing :—and when another year

with all its inevitable changes shall have worn away, and the portals of the Great Mother Lodge shall again be opened to receive us, may the state of the Craft throughout all our broad domain happily reflect the devotion and the fidelity of those who have been entrusted with the supervision of the work.

These minutes were read and approved, and the One Hundred and Fourth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York was closed in **Ample Form**, and with prayer by the R.: W.: JOHN W. WEBSTER, Grand Chaplain.



Grand Secretary.



APPENDIX.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE GRAND MASTER, 1885-1886.

R. W.	JOHN G. WEBSTER.....	} Grand Chaplains ...	{	Greenbush.
" "	CHARLES W. CAMP.....			Kingston.
" "	ROBERT COLLYER.....			New York.
" "	WASHINGTON E. CONNOB ..	Grand Marshal		New York.
" "	JOHN A. DAVIS.....	Grand Standard Bearer.		Rochester.
" "	WASHINGTON MULLIN.....	Grand Sword Bearer ...		New York.
" "	HORACE L. GREENE....	} Grand Stewards. ..	{	Fort Plain.
" "	LEVI SAMUELS			New York.
" "	GEORGE HAYES.....			New York.
" "	HENRY J. SMITH.....			Brooklyn.
" "	EPHRAIM W. RICHARDSON	Senior Grand Deacon...		Brooklyn.
" "	CHARLES R. FITZ GERALD	Junior Grand Deacon...		Buffalo.
" "	GEORGE H. RAYMOND.....	Grand Lecturer.....		New York.
" "	HERMAN G. CARTER.....	Grand Librarian.....		New York.
" "	GEORGE SKINNER	Grand Pursuivant.....		New York.
" "	JOHN HOOLE	Grand Tiler .		New York.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

R. W.	JOHN W. SIMONS.....	Brooklyn.
" "	JESSE B. ANTHONY.....	Troy.
R. " "	CHARLES SACKREUTER....	New York.

COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTS.

R. W.	ALFRED B. PRICE.	New York.
" "	WILLIAM JOHNSTON, JR....	New York.
" "	PHILIP C. BENJAMIN.....	New York.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

1. Suffolk and Queens Counties... R. W. GEORGE M. WILLIAMSON. *Newtown.*
 2. Kings County, east of Washington Avenue, Brooklyn, except Lodges 511 and 719... " " FREDERICK S. BENSON... *Brooklyn, E. D.*
 3. Kings County, west of Washington Avenue, Brooklyn, including Lodges 511 and 719. " " JOHN KENDALL DUNN.... *Brooklyn.*
 4. Lodges in New York City, numerically from No. 1 to No. 156, inclusive..... " " JOHN F. COLLINS..... *New York.*
 5. Lodges in New York City from No. 178 to No. 271 inclusive.. " " WRIGHT D. POWNALL.... *New York.*
 6. Lodges in New York City from No. 272 to No. 454, inclusive. " " WILLIAM H. ANDREWS. *New York.*
 7. Lodges in New York City from No. 457 to No. 641, inclusive. " " WILLIAM V. KING..... *New York.*
 8. Lodges in New York City from No. 642 to No. 773, inclusive. " " SHELDON B. SHAW..... *New York.*
 9. Westchester, Putnam, and Dutchess Counties..... " " GEORGE W. ROBERTSON.. *Peekskill.*
 10. Rockland, Orange, Sullivan and Ulster Counties..... " " MARVIN E. DEYO *Ellenville.*
 11. Greene, Delaware and Schoharie Counties..... " " B. GRANT HAVENS..... *Jefferson.*
 12. Columbia, Rensselaer, Albany, and Schenectady Counties.. " " ISAAC A. ALLEN..... *Hoosick Falls.*
 13. Washington, Saratoga, Warren, and Essex Counties..... " " JOHN W. WHITEHEAD... *Port Henry.*
 14. Montgomery, Fulton, Hamilton, and Herkimer Counties..... " " WILLIAM B. HOWELL.... *Herkimer.*
 15. St. Lawrence, Franklin, and Clinton Counties..... " " HORACE WHITE..... *Richville.*
 16. Jefferson and Lewis Counties.. " " BYRON J. STROUGH..... *Lafargeville.*
 17. Oneida and Madison Counties.. " " GEORGE W. CHAPMAN.... *Canastota.*
 18. Otsego, Chenango, and Broome Counties..... " " F. DELOS SHUMWAY..... *Otego.*
 19. Onondaga, Oswego, Cayuga, and Cortland Counties..... " " HENRY T. DANA..... *Cortland.*
 20. Tompkins, Schuyler, Tioga, and Chemung Counties..... " " GEORGE B. DAVIS..... *Ithaca.*
 21. Wayne, Ontario, Seneca, and Yates Counties..... " " JOHN N. MACOMB, JR.... *Branchport.*
 22. Monroe, Livingston, Genesee, and Wyoming Counties..... " " JOHN ALEXANDER..... *Rochester.*
 23. Steuben and Allegany Counties. " " DANIEL F. CRIDLER *Hornellsville.*
 24. Orleans and Niagara Counties. " " GEORGE A. NEWELL.... *Medina.*
 25. Erie County..... " " ALBERT JONES..... *Buffalo.*
 26. Chautauque and Cattaraugus Counties..... " " BYRON L. KIMBLE..... *Gowanda.*
 27. Richmond County..... " " AQUILA RICH..... *New Brighton.*
- Lodges working in German, in the City of New York and in Kings and Richmond Counties..... " " E. A. GEORGE INTEMANN. *New York.*
- Lodges working in French, Spanish, or Italian in the Cities of New York and Brooklyn..... " " GEORGE F. HEIDET..... *New York.*

LIST OF GRAND LODGES.

WITH NAME AND RESIDENCE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY.

STATE.	GRAND SECRETARY.	RESIDENCE.
Alabama.....	Daniel Sayre.....	Montgomery.
Arizona.....	George J. Roekrugs.....	Tuscan.
Arkansas.....	Fay Hemstead.....	Little Rock.
California.....	Alex. G. Abell.....	San Francisco.
Colorado.....	Ed. C. Parmalee.....	Georgetown.
Connecticut.....	Joseph K. Wheeler.....	Hartford.
Dakota.....	Charles T. McCoy.....	Aberdeen.
Delaware.....	William S. Hayes.....	Wilmington.
District of Columbia.....	Wm. R. Singleton.....	Washington.
Florida.....	Dewitt C. Dawkins.....	Jacksonville.
Georgia.....	J. Emmett Blackshear.....	Macon.
Idaho.....	Jonas W. Brown.....	Boise City.
Illinois.....	Loyal L. Munn.....	Freeport.
Indiana.....	William H. Smythe.....	Indianapolis.
Indian Territory.....	Joseph S. Murrow.....	Atoka.
Iowa.....	T. S. Parvin.....	Iowa City.
Kansas.....	John H. Brown.....	Wyandotta.
Kentucky.....	Hiram Bassett.....	Millersburg.
Louisiana.....	James C. Batchelor.....	New Orleans.
Maine.....	Ira Berry.....	Portland.
Massachusetts.....	Sereno D. Nickerson.....	Boston.
Maryland.....	Jacob H. Medairy.....	Baltimore.
Michigan.....	Wm. P. Innis.....	Grand Rapids.
Minnesota.....	A. T. C. Pierson.....	St. Paul.
Mississippi.....	J. L. Power.....	Jackson.
Missouri.....	John D. Vincill.....	St. Louis.
Montana.....	Cornelius Hedges.....	Helena.
Nebraska.....	William R. Bowen.....	Omaha.
Nevada.....	John D. Hammond.....	Carson.
New Hampshire.....	George P. Cleaves.....	Concord.
New Jersey.....	Jos. H. Hough.....	Trenton.
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New York.....	Edward M. L. Ehlers.....	New York.
North Carolina.....	Donald W. Bain.....	Raleigh.
Ohio.....	John D. Caldwell.....	Cincinnati.
Oregon.....	F. J. Babcock.....	Salem.
Pennsylvania.....	Michael Nisbet.....	Philadelphia.
Rhode Island.....	Edwin Baker.....	Providence.
South Carolina.....	Charles Ingleby.....	Charleston.
Tennessee.....	John Frizzell.....	Nashville.
Texas.....	George H. Bringham.....	Houston.
Utah.....	Christopher Diehl.....	Salt Lake City.
Vermont.....	William H. Root.....	Burlington.
Virginia.....	William B. Isaacs.....	Richmond.
Washington Territory.....	Thomas M. Reed.....	Olympia.
West Virginia.....	O. S. Long.....	Wheeling.
Wisconsin.....	John W. Ladin.....	Milwaukee.
Wyoming Territory.....	J. H. Symons.....	Laramie City.
British Columbia.....	Edward C. Neufelder.....	Victoria.
Canada.....	J. J. Mason.....	Hamilton, Ont.
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Grand Lodge to the Three Globes.....	H. G. E. von Schweinichen.....	Berlin.
Grand Lodge Royal York.....	O. A. Bouché.....	Berlin.
Grand Lodge of Germany.....	E. T. P. Meyerhoff.....	Berlin.
Grand Lodge of Saxony.....	F. G. Stuebler.....	Dresden.
Grand Lodge of the Eclectic Union.....	Carl Paul.....	Frankfort-on-Main.
Grand Lodge "Zur Eintracht".....	Dr. Carl Nies.....	Darmstadt.
Grand Lodge "Zur Sonne".....	Ludwig Albert Redlich.....	Bayreuth.
Grand Lodge Colon and Cuba.....	Aurelio Almeida.....	Havana.
Ireland.....	Sam'l B. Oldham, D. G. S.....	Dublin.
Manitoba.....	Wm. G. Scott.....	Winnipeg.
New Brunswick.....	Edwin J. Wetmore.....	St. John's.
Nova Scotia.....	Benjamin Curren.....	Halifax.
Peru.....	J. A. Ego Aguirre.....	Lima.
Prince Edward Island.....	B. Wilson Higgs.....	Charlottetown.
Quebec.....	John H. Isaacson.....	Montreal.
Scotland.....	D. Murray Lyon.....	Edinburgh.

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IN THE ORDER OF THEIR APPOINTMENT.

Grand Lodge of Connecticut	R. W.	WM. E. SANFORD	New Haven.
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Florida	M. W.	DE WITT C. DAWKINS	Jacksonville.
Minnesota	R. W.	W. J. PARSONS	St. Paul.
Ohio	"	ISAAC ROBERTSON	Hamilton.
Oregon	M. W.	D. G. CLARK	Corvallis.
Michigan	"	JOHN W. CHAMPLIN	Grand Rapids.
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Colorado	"	WILLIAM N. BYERS	Denver.
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Scotland	R. W.	E. W. NIGHTINGALE	Edinburg.
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Delaware	"	JAMES PONDER	Wilmington.
Cuba	"	JUAN B. HERNANDEZ	Havana.
Mississippi	"	P. M. SAVEDY	Baldwin.
Manitoba	"	JOHN W. HARRIS	Winnipeg.
Ireland	"	HENRY B. JOHNSTON	Dublin.
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Idaho	"	CHARLES HEMBOD	Boice City.
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Saxony	"	ROBT RICHARD GRAHL	Doehlen.
Tennessee	"	JOHN FRIZZELL	Nashville.
Vermont	"	JOHN A. BUTLER	Jamaica.
England	"	BRACKSTONE BAKER	London.
Nevada	M. W.	HORATIO S. MASON	Carson.
Dakota	R. W.	CHARLES T. MCCOY	Bon Homme.
Eclectic Union	"	WILHELM EBELING	Frankfort-on-Main.
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Prince Edward Island	"	JOHN G. J. WELDON	Charlottetown.
West Virginia	"	FORREST W. BROWN	Charlestown.
Zur Eintracht	"	ANTON NEHR	Darmstadt.

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M. W.	JOHN W. SIMONS.....	" " "	" " South Carolina.
"	JOHN L. LEWIS.....	Penn Yan.....	" " Tennessee.
R. W.	CHARLES F. BAUER.....	New York City..	" " Zur Eintracht.
M. W.	JOSEPH D. EVANS.....	" " "	" " Maine.
"	CLINTON F. PAIGE.....	Binghamton...	" " New Jersey.
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"	G. FRED. WILTSE.....	Newburgh.....	" " District of Col.
"	JOHN P. ROBERTS.....	New York City..	" " Georgia.
"	JAMES E. MORRISON.....	" " "	" " Illinois.
"	CHARLES K. HYDE.....	" " "	" " Rhode I-land.
M. W.	JOSEPH J. COUGH.....	" " "	" " Maryland.
R. W.	GEORGE H. RAYMOND.....	" " "	" " Colorado.
"	GEORGE VAN VLIET.....	" " "	" " Montana.
"	MONTIMER C. ADDOMS.....	" " "	" " Wyoming Ter.
"	ISAAC B. CONOVER.....	" " "	" " Idaho.
"	ZACHARIAH DEDERICK.....	" " "	" " Wisconsin.
"	JOHN PHILLIPS.....	" " "	" " Br. Columbia.
"	SAMUEL JONES.....	" " "	" " Manitoba.
"	HENRY C. BANKS.....	" " "	" " Texas.
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"	ROBERT M. C. GRAHAM.....	" " "	" " Nebraska.
M. W.	JAMES GIBSON.....	Salem.....	" " Scotland.
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"	STEPHEN M. WRIGHT.....	New York City..	" " Kansas.
"	WM. T. WOODRUFF.....	" " "	" " Arkansas.
"	L. BRADFORD PRINCE.....	Flushing.....	" " New Mexico.
"	LAWRENCE WELLS.....	New York City..	" " West Virginia.
M. W.	EDMUND L. JUDSON.....	Albany.....	" " New Brunswick.
R. W.	ALFRED B. PRICE.....	New York City..	" " Indian Ter.
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"	JOHN L. REID.....	" " "	" " Michigan.
"	FRANK A. KRETJAND.....	" " "	" " Utah.
"	WILLIAM VAN WYCK.....	" " "	" " Pennsylvania.
"	JOHN HODGE.....	Lockport.....	" " Mississippi.
"	RALPH E. PRIME.....	Yonkers.....	" " Oregon.
"	ALBERT G. GOODALL.....	New York City..	" " England.
M. W.	JOHN W. SIMONS.....	" " "	" " Louisiana.
R. W.	FRED. H. WIGHT.....	Brooklyn.....	" " Dakota.
"	SYDNEY F. WALKER.....	" " "	" " Canada.
"	WALTER P. MONTAGUE.....	New York City..	" " Missouri.
"	MILLARD VAN BLARICOM.....	" " "	" " Arizona.
"	ROYAL E. DEANE.....	" " "	" " New Hampshire.
"	CHARLES A. MINTON.....	" " "	" " Iowa.
"	CHARLES W. BROWN.....	" " "	" " Washington Ter.
"	RICHARD GURNEY.....	Brooklyn.....	" " Vermont.
"	ANTONIO GONZALEZ.....	" " "	" " Colon and Cuba.
"	PETER M. W. VERBOEVEN.....	New York City..	" " Prince Ed. Island.
"	FREDERICK SMYTH.....	" " "	" " Ireland.
"	WASHINGTON E. CONNOR.....	" " "	" " Virginia.
"	GENARO FERNANDEZ.....	Brooklyn.....	" " Peru.
"	WILLIAM PETERKIN.....	New York City..	" " Delaware.

First Six Officers of Grand Lodge from Date of Organization.

Year.	Grand Masters.	Dep. Grand Masters.	Sen. Grand Wardens.	Jun. Grand Wardens.	Grand Treasurers.	Grand Secretaries.
1786	Robert R. Livingston.	Samuel Kerr.	Peter W. Yates.	James Seidler.	Daniel McCormick.	John Lawrence & Jas. Giles.
1787	Robert R. Livingston.	Richard Harrison.	Peter W. Yates.	Peter McDougall.	John Shaw.	James Scott.
1788	Robert R. Livingston.	Richard Harrison.	Peter W. Yates.	Peter McDougall.	William Maxwell.	James Scott.
1789	Robert R. Livingston.	William Malcom.	Peter McDougall.	John Meyer.	White Matlack.	Jacob Morton.
1790	Robert R. Livingston.	William Malcom.	Peter McDougall.	John Meyer.	John Pintard.	Jacob Morton.
1791	Robert R. Livingston.	Peter McDougall.	John Meyer.	John Pintard.	Francis Childs.	Jacob Morton.
1792	Robert R. Livingston.	Peter McDougall.	Jacob Morton.	James Scott.	William Wright.	Jacob Morton.
1793	Robert R. Livingston.	Peter McDougall.	Jacob Morton.	James Scott.	William Wright.	John Abrams.
1794	Robert R. Livingston.	Jacob Morton.	James Scott.	James Scott.	William Wright.	John Abrams.
1795	Robert R. Livingston.	Jacob Morton.	James Scott.	De Witt Clinton.	Martin Hoffman.	John Abrams.
1796	Robert R. Livingston.	Jacob Morton.	James Scott.	De Witt Clinton.	Martin Hoffman.	John Abrams.
1797	Robert R. Livingston.	Jacob Morton.	James Scott.	De Witt Clinton.	Martin Hoffman.	John Abrams.
1798	Robert R. Livingston.	Jacob Morton.	De Witt Clinton.	Martin Hoffman.	John Jacob Astor.	John Abrams.
1799	Robert R. Livingston.	Jacob Morton.	Martin Hoffman.	Abraham Skinner.	John Jacob Astor.	John Abrams.
1800	Robert R. Livingston.	Jacob Morton.	Martin Hoffman.	Abraham Skinner.	John Jacob Astor.	John Abrams.
1801	Jacob Morton.	Edward Livingston.	Cadwalader D. Colden.	Ph. S. Van Rensselaer.	Robert Coocks.	John Van Vandenbroeck.
1802	Jacob Morton.	Edward Livingston.	Cadwalader D. Colden.	Ph. S. Van Rensselaer.	Robert Coocks.	Daniel D. Tompkins.
1803	Jacob Morton.	Edward Livingston.	Cadwalader D. Colden.	Ph. S. Van Rensselaer.	Robert Coocks.	Daniel D. Tompkins.
1804	Jacob Morton.	Martin Hoffman.	Cadwalader D. Colden.	Ph. S. Van Rensselaer.	Robert Coocks.	Daniel D. Tompkins.
1805	Jacob Morton.	Martin Hoffman.	Cadwalader D. Colden.	Ph. S. Van Rensselaer.	Robert Coocks.	John Wells.
1806	De Witt Clinton.	Martin Hoffman.	James Woods.	Ph. S. Van Rensselaer.	Robert Coocks.	John Wells.
1807	De Witt Clinton.	Martin Hoffman.	James Woods.	Ph. S. Van Rensselaer.	Robert Coocks.	John Wells.
1808	De Witt Clinton.	Martin Hoffman.	James Woods.	Ph. S. Van Rensselaer.	Robert Coocks.	John Wells.
1809	De Witt Clinton.	Martin Hoffman.	James Woods.	Ph. S. Van Rensselaer.	Robert Coocks.	John Wells.
1810	De Witt Clinton.	Martin Hoffman.	Cadwalader D. Colden.	Ph. S. Van Rensselaer.	Robert Coocks.	John Wells.
1811	De Witt Clinton.	Martin Hoffman.	Cadwalader D. Colden.	Ph. S. Van Rensselaer.	Robert Coocks.	John Wells.
1812	De Witt Clinton.	Martin Hoffman.	Cadwalader D. Colden.	Ph. S. Van Rensselaer.	Sampson Simson.	John Wells.
1813	De Witt Clinton.	Martin Hoffman.	Cadwalader D. Colden.	Elisha Gilbert, Jr.	Sampson Simson.	John Wells.
1814	De Witt Clinton.	Martin Hoffman.	Cadwalader D. Colden.	Elisha Gilbert, Jr.	John W. Mulligan.	John Wells.
1815	De Witt Clinton.	Martin Hoffman.	Cadwalader D. Colden.	Elisha Gilbert, Jr.	Sampson Simson.	John Wells.
1816	De Witt Clinton.	Martin Hoffman.	Cadwalader D. Colden.	Elisha Gilbert, Jr.	Cornelius Bogert.	John Wells.
1817	De Witt Clinton.	Martin Hoffman.	Cadwalader D. Colden.	Elisha Gilbert, Jr.	Cornelius Bogert.	John Wells.
1818	De Witt Clinton.	Martin Hoffman.	Cadwalader D. Colden.	Elisha Gilbert, Jr.	Cornelius Bogert.	Elias Hicks.
1819	De Witt Clinton.	Martin Hoffman.	Cadwalader D. Colden.	Elisha Gilbert, Jr.	Cornelius Bogert.	Elias Hicks.
1820	Daniel D. Tompkins.	John W. Mulligan.	William Irving.	Elisha Gilbert, Jr.	Cornelius Bogert.	Elias Hicks.
1821	Daniel D. Tompkins.	John W. Mulligan.	John Greig.	Elisha Gilbert, Jr.	Cornelius Bogert.	Elias Hicks.
1822	Joseph Enos.	John Brush.	Richard Hatfield.	Richard Hatfield.	Cornelius Bogert.	Elias Hicks.

Year	Grand Masters.	Dep. Grand Masters.	Sen. Grand Wardens.	Jun. Grand Wardens.	Grand Treasurers.	Grand Secretaries.
1857	John L. Lewis, Jr.	Robert McCoy.	Finlay M. King.	Benjamin H. Austin.	Charles L. Church.	James M. Austin.
1858	John L. Lewis, Jr.	John W. Simons.	Finlay M. King.	Clinton F. Paige.	Charles L. Church.	James M. Austin.
1859	John L. Lewis, Jr.	John W. Simons.	Finlay M. King.	Clinton F. Paige.	Charles L. Church.	James M. Austin.
1860	John W. Simons.	John W. Simons.	Clinton F. Paige.	Stephen H. Johnson.	Charles L. Church.	James M. Austin.
1861	Finlay M. King.	John J. Crane.	Clinton F. Paige.	Stephen H. Johnson.	Charles L. Church.	James M. Austin.
1862	John J. Crane.	John J. Crane.	Clinton F. Paige.	Peter P. Murphy.	Charles L. Church.	James M. Austin.
1863	Clinton F. Paige.	P. B. Yates Sommers.	Stephen H. Johnson.	James Gibson.	Charles L. Church.	James M. Austin.
1864	Clinton F. Paige.	Robert D. Holmes.	Stephen H. Johnson.	James Gibson.	Charles L. Church.	James M. Austin.
1865	Robert D. Holmes.	Stephen H. Johnson.	James Gibson.	John R. Anderson.	Charles L. Church.	James M. Austin.
1866	Robert D. Holmes.	Stephen H. Johnson.	James Gibson.	John R. Anderson.	Charles L. Church.	James M. Austin.
1867	Stephen H. Johnson.	John H. Anthon.	James Gibson.	Christopher G. Fox.	John W. Simons.	James M. Austin.
1868	James Gibson.	John H. Anthon.	James Gibson.	Edmund L. Judson.	John W. Simons.	James M. Austin.
1869	James Gibson.	John H. Anthon.	Christopher G. Fox.	Edmund L. Judson.	John W. Simons.	James M. Austin.
1870	John H. Anthon.	Christopher G. Fox.	Edmund L. Judson.	James W. Husted.	John W. Simons.	James M. Austin.
1871	John H. Anthon.	Christopher G. Fox.	Edmund L. Judson.	James W. Husted.	John W. Simons.	James M. Austin.
1872	Christopher G. Fox.	Ellwood E. Thorne.	Edmund L. Judson.	James W. Husted.	John W. Simons.	James M. Austin.
1873	Christopher G. Fox.	Ellwood E. Thorne.	Edmund L. Judson.	James W. Husted.	John W. Simons.	James M. Austin.
1874	Ellwood E. Thorne.	James W. Husted.	Edmund L. Judson.	James W. Husted.	John W. Simons.	James M. Austin.
1875	Ellwood E. Thorne.	James W. Husted.	Jesse B. Anthony.	Levi M. Gano.	John W. Simons.	James M. Austin.
1876	James W. Husted.	Joseph J. Couch.	Jesse B. Anthony.	Levi M. Gano.	John W. Simons.	James M. Austin.
1877	Joseph J. Couch.	Edmund L. Judson.	Jesse B. Anthony.	John D. Williams.	Gregory Satterlee.	James M. Austin.
1878	Edmund L. Judson.	Charles Roome.	Jesse B. Anthony.	Benjamin Flagler.	Gregory Satterlee.	James M. Austin.
1879	Charles Roome.	Jesse B. Anthony.	Benjamin Flagler.	William A. Brodie.	Charles S. Arthur.	James M. Austin.
1880	Jesse B. Anthony.	Horace S. Taylor.	Benjamin Flagler.	William A. Brodie.	John Boyd.	James M. Austin.
1881	Horace S. Taylor.	Benjamin Flagler.	William A. Brodie.	John W. Vrooman.	John Boyd.	James M. Austin.
1882	Benjamin Flagler.	J. Edward Simmons.	William A. Brodie.	John W. Vrooman.	John Boyd.	Edward M. L. Ehlers.
1883	J. Edward Simmons.	William A. Brodie.	John W. Vrooman.	James Ten Eyck.	John Boyd.	Edward M. L. Ehlers.
1884	William A. Brodie.	Frank B. Lawrence.	John W. Vrooman.	James Ten Eyck.	John Boyd.	Edward M. L. Ehlers.
1885	Frank B. Lawrence.	John W. Vrooman.	James Ten Eyck.	John Hodge.	John Boyd.	Edward M. L. Ehlers.

*Died June 22, 1865. M. W. JOHN W. SIMONS appointed to fill the vacancy.

†Died December 2, 1881. B. W. EDWARD M. L. EHLERS appointed to fill the vacancy.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION.

Amend the last clause of Sub-division 5, of Section 35, of Article V. of the Constitution, so that when amended it shall read :

“To prepare on blanks to be furnished by the Grand Secretary, a statement in tabular form of the condition of each lodge in his district for the year ending on the 31st day of December in each year, and transmit such report to the Grand Secretary on or before the 15th day of May, to be by him laid before the Grand Lodge.”

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE STATUTES.

To amend Sub-division 9, of Section 32, Article XVI, of the Statutes, so that when amended it shall read :

“To make a full and correct return annually to the District Deputy Grand Master of the condition of the lodge on the 31st day of December, and in the form prescribed by the Grand Lodge, to be transmitted on or before the 5th day of May.”

REPORTS

OF

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

To M. W. WM. A. BRODIE, *Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York :*

M. W. Sir and Dear Brother :—In presenting the report of my stewardship for the year about ending, I desire to express my sense of appreciation of the honor conferred upon me, and the hope that it has not proven altogether unworthily bestowed.

Fortunately the year has been one of uniform prosperity and peace.

In a careful preservation of the ancient landmarks of the institution, and the faithful zeal to perpetuate its teachings, nothing on the part of the lodges seems wanting.

The statistical report forwarded to the Grand Secretary shows an increase of membership for the year.

The District Convention, by and under the direction of R. W. GEORGE H. RAYMOND, Grand Lecturer, was held at Sag Harbor, November 19th and 20th. A fair attendance, and the usual faithful and effective instruction rendered.

The principal events have been the dedication of the new rooms of Wamponamom Lodge, No. 43, at Sag Harbor, on the evening of November 20th, by R. W. FRANK R. LAWRENCE, Deputy Grand Master, and Associate Grand Officers, which was witnessed by a large number of masons from the vicinity and district, and also a large delegation from Brooklyn; and

The reception tendered the Deputy Grand Master by Cornucopia Lodge, No. 563, at Flushing, on the evening of April 29th, at which time I also made my official visit. A large number of Present and Past Grand Officers and Masters were present, and the occasion one of much interest and enjoyment.

I have been everywhere received with the utmost courtesy and kindness, and have appreciated the opportunity for forming so pleasant and extensive an acquaintance with the brethren of the district, and shall be happy, indeed, if I have been so fortunate as to leave behind as pleasant a memory as I shall ever retain of my official relation to the First Masonic District.

Again thanking you, M. W. Sir, for your kind partiality, I beg to tender the expression of my warmest sympathy, and the assurance of my best wishes for your future happiness and prosperity.

Fraternally and sincerely yours,

ELBRIDGE G. HOWARD,

D. D. G. M. First Masonic District.

To M. W. WM. A. BRODIE, *Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York :*

M. W. Sir and Brother :—I have transmitted to the Grand Secretary, R. W. EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, the statistical report of the lodges comprising the Second District, to each one of which I made an official visit, and to several I paid repeated fraternal visits, and was received, as your representative, with the most sincere kindness and cordiality. Peace, prosperity, and harmony prevails throughout the district.

R. W. GEO. H. RAYMOND exemplified the work and lectures on February 22d and 23d. The convention was largely attended, and much interest evinced by the brethren.

Permit me, M. W. Sir, to remind you of the pleasure and benefit derived by the brethren of the Second and Third Districts from the visitation of yourself and the distinguished staff that accompanied you on the evening of November 25, 1884, and be assured that the beautiful sentiments then expressed by you made a pleasant and lasting impression on the minds of all present.

Accept my sincere thanks for the honor conferred on me by your appointment, and my most profound wish for your future happiness and prosperity.

I have the honor to be, yours respectfully and fraternally,

CHAS. W. CARPENTER,

D. D. G. M. Second Masonic District.

To M. W. WM. A. BRODIE, *Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York :*

M. W. Sir and Dear Brother :—I have already transmitted to R. W. Bro. EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, Grand Secretary, my statistical report of the condition of the thirty lodges in the Third Masonic District.

All of the lodges comprising the Third Masonic District have been visited officially by me during the year. I have also visited each lodge one or more times socially, thereby becoming personally acquainted with the officers and members, as well as the working of the several lodges. It is a pleasure to be able to state, notwithstanding the fact that there is a slight reduction in the total membership, that the lodges, as a rule, are fairly prosperous, and doing a liberal amount of work.

R. W. Bro. GEO. H. RAYMOND, Grand Lecturer, held the annual convention on the 1st and 2d of December, 1884. The attendance was good, and the strict attention paid to his recital of the work showed an earnest desire on the part of the brethren to be perfect in the work. I am confident that these conventions are having a beneficial effect in this district, as each year the brethren take a deep interest in the convention, knowing that the R. W. Brother is ever as ready to give as they are to receive instruction.

I am deeply sensible of the fraternal welcome and ever kind greeting that has been accorded to me, as your representative in this district, throughout the

year. The brethren have striven to make my term of office as District Deputy a pleasant one, and my duties light and agreeable. To them my sincere acknowledgments are given for their courtesy, kindness, and constant support.

It is hardly necessary to state that harmony prevails. "Peace and Harmony" have ever been the motto of the Third Masonic District, and never have they been more beautifully exemplified than during the year about to close.

On the 12th of January last, I received from you, through the Grand Secretary, an order to procure all of the property and funds of the late Fortuna Lodge, No. 783. This, in part, has been no easy task, and in part I have failed, in that I have been unable to procure the sum of \$142.09, held by the treasurer of the late lodge. The brother acknowledges that he should have this sum, but is at present unable to make a settlement, and by your order was given until June 1st to make settlement in. The remainder of the property, consisting of a full set of lodge jewels, ballot box, and ode books, with \$125 held by the trustees, and \$21.38, interest on said amount—in all \$146.38—I have received and delivered to the Grand Secretary.

Gratefully acknowledging the honor conferred upon me,

I am, sincerely and fraternally yours,

SYDNEY F. WALKER,

D. D. G. M. Third Masonic District.

To M. W. Wm. A. BRODIE, *Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York :*

M. W. Sir and Dear Brother :—The statistical report of lodges in the Fourth District, which I have transmitted to the Grand Secretary, show an increase of membership, which, considering the general business depression, is gratifying indeed. A healthy progressive spirit prevails. Peace and unity among the brethren, and an unwavering loyalty to the principles of masonry, characterize the lodges in this district.

Trusting that my efforts to discharge the duties assigned me, as your representative, have met with your approval, and with kindly wish for your future happiness,

Believe me, fraternally yours,

JOHN STEWART,

D. D. G. M. Fourth Masonic District.

To M. W. Wm. A. BRODIE, *Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York :*

My Dear Sir and Brother :—In accordance with constitutional requirement, I have transmitted to the Grand Secretary a report of the present condition of the lodges in the district of which I have had the honor to be District Deputy Grand Master. That statement shows the lodges to have made a slight gain in membership during the year, there appearing a net increase of thirty-six members.

It is not often that duty and pleasure are so entirely in harmony as they have proved themselves to be in my official visits.

I have been present, officially, at each of the lodges in my district, and am happy to say that I found their management and methods of work to be such as there was nothing to correct; but, on the contrary, much to commend. If my receptions as your representative, M. W. Sir, be a correct indication of the real feeling of the brethren of the Fifth District, they are, without exception, true and loyal to the core, glad always to pay honor to our chief and the grand body over which he presides.

I have had the pleasure of visiting many of the lodges in a purely social way. At such times I have installed the officers of the following lodges: York, John D. Willard, Palestine, Worth, and Charter Oak; and also the subordinate officers of Arcana.

At the exemplification of work by the Grand Lecturer, most of the lodges of the district were represented by the Master and Wardens. The influence of this presentation of legitimate work may very readily be traced in the fact of the standard work being closely adhered to throughout the district.

There have occurred but few cases of disagreement, and when any complaint has arisen, it has been finally adjusted in a manner satisfactory to the parties concerned, so that at the present time all the lodges are at peace within themselves and with each other. It is a matter for much congratulation that brotherly love so unites the craft that heart and tongue join in promoting each other's welfare and rejoicing at each other's prosperity.

I trust my successor may find his duties as easily performed, and as entirely congenial, as I have found them, and may be able to note, when his term of office shall expire, the same general prosperous and happy condition as I can vouch for.

In conclusion, M. W. Sir, allow me to again thank you for the distinguished honor paid me by your appointment. I shall miss the pleasant association of the past year, in time to come, but the memory of it, and the courtesies received at your hands, shall always be a glad remembrance. Will you accept my earnest wishes for your long continued happiness, and believe me,

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

EPHRAIM W. RICHARDSON,

D. D. G. M. Fifth Masonic District.

To M. W. Wm. A. Brodie, *Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York:*

M. W. Sir and Dear Brother:—As required by the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, the tabular statement of the reports of the twenty-seven lodges comprising the Sixth Masonic District, for the year ending December 31, 1884, has this day been delivered by me to the Grand Secretary, at his office in the city of New York.

Numerically, thirteen of the lodges have gained sixty-seven new members, thirteen lodges appear to have lost sixty-one brothers, while the remaining lodge, Kane, No. 454, has held its own, neither gaining or losing and has reported its membership at 307 master masons.

Financially, I think all the lodges are doing well. I have carefully examined the books of each lodge, and from the necessarily short time allotted for that purpose, found the same to be in a satisfactory condition.

As your representative, I have officially visited every lodge in the district, most of them twice, and some, more frequently. In each I was received with the honor and courtesy due my position, as your representative, and in many of them with exhibitions of true friendship and fraternal regard.

It affords me much pleasure, to be able to report that in all the lodges, I have found but a few errors to criticize and correct, and many things to commend.

Peace and harmony seems to pervade, and a strong desire to fraternally help one another is evident by the wish of the masters and brethren. I know of no discord in the district.

During the month of December, 1884, I received a number of special requests to install the newly elected officers of several of the lodges. I accepted the invitations and accordingly installed the officers of Metropolitan Lodge, No. 273, on December 11, 1884, Arcturus Lodge, No. 274, on December 16, 1884, Doric Lodge, No. 280, on December 12, 1884, Sagamore Lodge, No. 371, on December 17, 1884, Mosaic Lodge, No. 418, on January 7, 1885, and Franklin Lodge, No. 447, on December 15, 1884.

The annual convention for the exemplification of the work was held by the Grand Lecturer, R. W. GEORGE H. RAYMOND, in the Masonic Temple, New York city, on the 30th and 31st days of March, 1885. The Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth Districts united, as heretofore, in the arrangement and supervision of the convention. Every Lodge in the Sixth District (save one) was represented.

The convention was honored by the presence of the Deputy Grand Master R. W. FRANK R. LAWRENCE, who, at the conclusion of the Grand Lecturer's work, addressed the brethren present, at length, upon the object of these conventions and the benefits likely to accrue from the same. The attendance was unusually large, and keen interest was manifested by the brethren present, and the Grand Lecturer and those participating in the work were listened to with marked attention and evident pleasure. The Grand Lecturer was peculiarly impressive on this occasion and deserves the thanks of the craft for the earnest, faithful and conscientious manner in which he performed his duties. It is generally conceded, that this convention, was the most successful one ever held in the city of New York.

Another very pleasant incident occurring during my term of office was the following :

On June 24, 1884, (St. John's Day) upon invitation of the W. Master, Wardens and Brethren of Schenectady Valley Lodge, No. 592, the Deputy Grand Master, R. W. FRANK R. LAWRENCE, laid the corner-stone of their new masonic hall, in the Village of Schenectady, Otsego County, N. Y. At the request of

R. W. Bro. LAWRENCE, I accompanied him to Schenectady and participated in the ceremonies. The weather was delightful and the ceremonies were conducted by Bro. LAWRENCE and the Associate Grand Officers, assisted by hundreds of the craft representing many lodges. It was a gala day in the place, business was generally suspended and many houses were decorated. Large crowds came in on special trains. The ceremonies evidently were very interesting and instructive to a large number of the uninitiated who were present and witnessed them, and who listened to the polished and elevating address of the Deputy Grand Master with demonstrations of approval and delight. This occasion was one of the happiest events of my official career.

And now, at the close of my term of office, I very sincerely thank you, for the great honor you have conferred upon me, in selecting me as your representative in this district, and wish you many years of honor, prosperity and happiness.

Fraternally and very truly yours,

EDWARD F. HASSEY,
D. D. G. M. Sixth Masonic District.

To M. W. Wm. A. BRODIE, *Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York :*

M. W. Brother and Dear Sir :—In compliance with the requirements of the Grand Lodge I have the honor to inform you that I have this day transmitted to R. W. EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, Grand Secretary, the statistical report for the Seventh Masonic District.

I have officially visited every lodge in the district besides making many informal and social visits ; participating in the work upon nearly all the latter named occasions, and it affords me great pleasure to say peace, harmony and prosperity prevail throughout the district. The returns of nine lodges show a decrease in membership of 44, while eighteen lodges show an increase of 114, leaving a net total increase of 70 for the eight months to December 31, 1884.

The Masonic Convention held under the direction of R. W. GEORGE H. RAYMOND, Grand Lecturer, on March 30 and 31, 1885, for the Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth Masonic Districts, for the exemplification of the standard work, was by far the largest and most successful masonic convention ever held in the Metropolitan Districts. The want of a larger room at that time was the only drawback.

Upon all my visits to the lodges in this and other districts, I have as your representative, received a most cordial and hearty welcome. The craft testifying in the strongest manner possible their loyalty to the Grand Lodge and their fraternal love and good-will to you as the Grand Master.

Thanking you for the high honor you have conferred upon me and with heartfelt good wishes for your future happiness and prosperity.

I am sincerely and fraternally,

THEODORE H. TILTON,
D. D. G. M. Seventh Masonic District.

To M. W. WM. A. BRODIE, *Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York* :

M. W. Sir :—I have this day forwarded to R. W. EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, Grand Secretary, a tabular statement of the lodges comprising the Eighth Masonic District.

As your representative I have visited every lodge in the district and by them have been most pleasantly received. I am proud to report that during the year I have not been called upon to settle any indiscretion nor to use any authority whatever, so that peace and unanimity and a great degree of prosperity is blessing our beloved craft in the district.

Again, thanking you for the honor you have conferred upon me,

I remain sincerely and fraternally yours,

JOHN K. REED,

D. D. G. M. Eighth Masonic District.

To M. W. WM. A. BRODIE, *Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York* :

M. W. Sir and Brother :—I have transmitted to the Grand Secretary a tabular statement of the condition of the lodges for the year ending December 31, 1884, and herein submit a report of the general condition of Masonry in this district for the past year.

In November last the lodge-room of Pelham Lodge, No. 712, was destroyed by fire. The secretary of the lodge was directed to apply to you for a dispensation to enable the lodge to meet temporarily at a place other than its usual place of meeting.

A convention of the several lodges of the district was held at Masonic Hall in the city of Poughkeepsie, on December 8 and 9, 1884, at which R. W. GEORGE H. RAYMOND, Grand Lecturer, exemplified the standard work in his usual clear and instructive manner.

In January last, I received a written complaint from a Past Master of Monumental Lodge, No. 374, residing at Red Hook, Dutchess County, alleging that the place of meeting of said lodge had been changed from Red Hook, the place named in its charter, to Tivoli, a village some miles distant, without authority, and asking me to take such steps as might be necessary, to direct the officers of said lodge to return the jewels, furniture and property of the lodge to said Red Hook, and that its communications thereafter be held there. I submitted the complaint to the master of the lodge, who informed me that the change in the place of meeting was made some twenty years ago, and that a like request had been made of the Grand Lodge at its annual communication in 1876, which was denied. The matter of the removal of said lodge having been presented to, passed upon, and ratified by the Grand Lodge, I dismissed the complaint.

No other complaints requiring official action have been presented to me during the year. The lodges of the district generally, are in a healthy condition. The

statistical reports of the secretaries show a net increase in the total membership. From knowledge derived from personal observation, and authoritative sources, I am pleased to report that the lodges are officered by representative men in their several localities; that their work is as near the standard as can reasonably be expected, and that peace, prosperity and good feeling prevail among the craft throughout the district.

I thank you for honoring me as your representative, and the brethren of the district for their courtesy and kindness to me as such, and also, personally.

Faternally, and very truly yours,

WM. MORGAN LEE,

D. D. G. M. Ninth Masonic District.

To M. W. Wm. A. BRODIE, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York :

*M. W. Sir and Dear Brother :—*In compliance with the constitution, I have this day transmitted to R. W. EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, Grand Secretary, the tabular statement of the condition of the lodges in the Tenth Masonic District, and would most respectfully report :

I entered upon the duties of the office with a determination to visit every lodge in the district during the masonic year, but soon found, on account of circumstances beyond my control, that it would be impossible for me to do so. I have, however, visited several, and am in correspondence with some others that I shall visit before the Grand Lodge session, if possible; but from personal conversation with some of the Masters and correspondence with the others, believe the general condition of Masonry to be, in the main, good; that peace and harmony prevail, and the great truths, which Masonry would inculcate, are prized and appreciated.

Delaware Lodge, No. 561, have been obliged to give up their rooms on account of being unsafe to meet in, and not being able to obtain any other suitable place at present, have stored their furniture, holding on to the Charter, and hoping in the near future to be again at work. They have not, as yet, had an election of officers for the ensuing year.

One other lodge is meeting in a room which was condemned by my predecessor (R. W. Bro. KRAFT) and myself, as being unfit to use for Masonic purposes. The Master and some of the brethren are anxious to move elsewhere, but are voted down by the balance of the brethren.

The Annual District Convention was held at the rooms of Port Jervis Lodge, No. 328, on Monday and Tuesday, November 10 and 11, 1884, under the direction of the R. W. GEORGE H. RAYMOND, Grand Lecturer, and, while only about one-half the lodges were represented, good interest was manifested, and the standard work was imparted in such a manner that it could not fail to be productive of good to those who attended.

The importance to the craft of a general attendance on these occasions can scarcely be over-estimated, and, with others of my brethren, I am firmly of the

opinion that it should be made obligatory on each lodge to send to the conventions held in their district, at least one representative, qualified to receive instruction and communicate it to his lodge. There are no lodges which refuse to work the standard work, and some are as nearly correct as it is possible to be, yet from my observation and from information given me, I am thoroughly convinced that several of them would be greatly benefited by a long visit from some competent instructor, as the work some of them are using as "Standard" would "afford subject for serious consideration" to our Grand Lecturer.

Now, M. W., I would avail myself of this opportunity to thank you most heartily for the many acts of kindness you have shown me personally, and for the signal mark of favor and esteem which your appointment has conferred upon me, and the occasion it has afforded in bringing me more closely in connection with my brethren. Through you, I desire to thank the brethren of the Tenth District for the uniform courtesy and kindness extended to me as your representative, and beg to assure them that they will ever be kindly remembered and appreciated. Permit me, also, to congratulate you on the harmony and success that have marked your administration, and earnestly hope that the same measure of success, and all the blessing which a bounteous Providence can bestow, may be yours in all your future.

Truly and fraternally yours,

OSCAR L. EASTMAN,

D. D. G. M. Tenth Masonic District.

To M. W. WM. A. BRODIE, *Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York* :

M. W. Sir and Brother :—My statistical report for the year, this day forwarded to the Grand Secretary, exhibits a net gain of eleven (11) in the number of master masons. While there has not been a large accession to the Order in this district, the facts are somewhat more favorable than these figures, without explanation, would indicate. The lodges have continued the work of purging their rolls of non-paying members. Several took action early enough for the result to appear in the present report. There must be sufficient new membership to make good these as well as the ordinary losses before there can be any gain to report. The number, eleven, is, therefore, by no means a measure of the work done. Several lodges have also done a much needed and effective work in the same direction, but too late to affect the present report.

That such work is required, on a large scale, is not creditable to the lodges or the institution ; but, the need existing, the doing the work is commendable.

Minimum charges have prevailed hereabouts. The consequence is that many have sought admission as they would attend an entertainment, to gratify curiosity. Straightened finances have made some lodges anxious for accessions, and the reverse of the proper rule of selection has been often applied. Instead of limiting the choice to those who were eminently suitable, the rule has frequently been to exclude only those who seemed to be conspicuously unfit. Curiosity is soon satisfied or wearied. Obligations assumed with such motives are never

appreciated, and are soon slighted, violated, ignored. Self-respect, a due regard for the rights of faithful members, and sound business principles, alike, prompt the lodges to drop the dead weights. An army of unaffiliated masons have thereby been turned out into the community. These, in great degree, represent the Order before the world—not fairly, to be sure, but actually. The craft is thereby misrepresented, and it suffers in prestige, dignity and power.

I have advised and encouraged the general dropping of non-paying members. I do not believe in compelling the active membership to pay the charges of the unfaithful. Masonry must conduct its affairs upon business principles if it would thrive.

The exercise of charity is the glory of the institution. Those lodges, however, which deliberately so limit their sources of income as to be unable even to provide attractive rooms for their own meetings, contribute very little to that glory. The lodges that are open to this criticism are exceptional, perhaps, but still they are sufficiently numerous to deserve attention. It would give me great pleasure to be able to report that the lodges of the district had generally advanced their charges, even though it resulted in the consolidation of some, and a decrease in numbers. I am confident that in the end it would prove a substantial advantage.

Harmony has prevailed throughout the district. I am not aware of any controversy, and no question has been presented to me requiring other than mere advisory action on my part.

The usual convention was held in November by R. W. GEORGE H. RAYMOND, Grand Lecturer, at the rooms of Cobleskill Lodge, No. 394. It was well attended, particularly by representatives of Schoharie county lodges. The several counties of the district are not very accessible from each other by public conveyance. For this reason I think it well to continue the custom which has hitherto prevailed, of holding the conventions in the several counties in rotation. This will give to Greene county the convention to be held this year.

I am informed by the Grand Lecturer that a number of lodges, not represented at the Cobleskill Convention, sent representatives to the convention held subsequently at Port Jervis, that being a more convenient point.

Faternally,

LEONARD B. CORNELL,

D. D. G. M. Eleventh Masonic District.

To M. W. WM. A. BRODIE, *Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York :*

M. W. Sir and Brother :—First, M. W. Sir, permit me to thank you for the pleasurable task accorded me in the care of the Twelfth Masonic District during the past year.

I have the honor to transmit this day to R. W. Bro. EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, Grand Secretary, the report of lodges in the Twelfth District, for the year ending April 30, 1885. I regret that the failure of a few secretaries of the lodges of

this district to send me their reports at a proper time, keeps my report back to this late day, but I now have reports from all with the exception of lodge No. 609.

Peace and harmony have prevailed, and nothing has transpired during the year which calls for special notice.

Although the Fall of 1884, the political excitement was so great that communications were not so fully attended as might have been hoped for, yet it gives me pleasure to state that the number of master masons, in good standing, has increased 66; total for the district, 4,824, and, so far as I can see, I think the lodges have been careful in selecting proper material.

In my official visits, and from members in an informal manner, also from the reports of the secretaries of the several lodges, I am pleased to report that most of them are in a healthy condition.

In regard to the matter of jurisdiction between Schoharie Valley Lodge, No. 491, and Noah Lodge, No. 754, the air line seems so very close that I recommended to the masters of each lodge that they select a competent surveyor, and have a survey made, and the expense thereof to be borne by the two lodges.

The convention for the exemplification of the work, under direction of R. W.: GEORGE H. RAYMOND, Grand Lecturer of the State of New York, was held in Hudson, April 29th, at Aquila Lodge, No. 700, and April 30th, at Hudson Lodge, No. 7, which was well attended, and great interest taken in the work.

In conclusion, allow me to renew my expressions of my sincere appreciation of the distinguished honor which you conferred upon me in naming me as one of your representatives, and to wish you the same measure of success throughout your future, which has attended your administration in the past years.

I am, sincerely and fraternally, yours,

SAMUEL G. ROWLES,

D. D. G. M. Twelfth Masonic District.

To M. W.: WM. A. BRODIE, *Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York :*

M. W.: Sir and Dear Brother :—Herewith I submit my report of the condition of lodges in the Thirteenth District :

The report shows a slight increase in membership.

One new lodge is now working under dispensation at Bloomingdale, with a good prospect of success if a Charter is granted them.

A matter of interference in jurisdiction exists between Rescue Lodge and Glendale Lodge, which, I hope, can be arranged without reference to a commission.

There is also a matter of difference between Glendale and Glen's Falls lodges, the nature of which has not been reported to me.

A convention was held of the lodges in this district, at Crown Point, on September 25th and 26th, at which time R. W. Bro. GEORGE H. RAYMOND, Grand Lecturer, exemplified the three degrees of masonry at the rooms of Rescue Lodge, No. 772, although only some lodges were represented, those who did attend were much benefited.

Most of the lodges in the district have had *some* work to do, but two or three are weak.

A number of lodges have invited me, as your representative, to visit them officially, but owing to lack of time I have accepted only a few.

The brethren throughout the district, wherever I have met them, have extended to me the kindness and courtesy due as your representative.

On the whole, the condition of masonry in my district is generally satisfactory and harmonious.

In conclusion, M. W. Sir, permit me to sincerely thank you for the honor conferred by my appointment.

Very truly and fraternally,

JOHN W. WHITEHEAD,

D. D. G. M. Thirteenth Masonic District.

To M. W. Wm. A. BRODIE, *Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York :*

M. W. Sir and Brother :—I have to report that the past Masonic year has been marked by the occurrence of no unusual event of special importance to the fraternity in the Fourteenth Masonic District, and that nothing has occurred to disturb the peace, harmony and good fellowship that everywhere prevail among the brethren.

I have visited every part of the district, and am pleased to be able to state that with one or two exceptions all the lodges are enjoying a most gratifying season of prosperity.

A convention of lodges for the exemplification of the standard work was held at Newport, Herkimer county, N. Y., on September 29 and 30, 1884, in the commodious lodge-rooms of Newport Lodge, No. 455, to the officers and members of which lodge are due the thanks of those who attended for the generous hospitality with which the visiting brethren were received and entertained. It was under the supervision of R. W. Bro. GEORGE H. RAYMOND, Grand Lecturer, who exerted himself to make the occasion instructive and beneficial, with his usual distinguished success.

The attendance of representatives from this and neighboring districts was large, and those present manifested the greatest interest in the work as exemplified by the eminent Grand Lecturer, and returned home with increased appreciation of the great benefits attendant upon these Lodges of Instruction.

I have handed to R. W. Bro. EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, Grand Secretary, the statement required by Sub-division 5 of Section 35 of the Constitution.

To the brethren throughout the district, at whose hands I have received nothing but kindness and hearty greetings, I return thanks for many kind offices

In conclusion, M. W. Sir, allow me to express my grateful appreciation of the honor of my appointment, and accept my sincere thanks for the same.

I remain, yours fraternally,

LEE S. ANIBAL,

D. D. G. M. Fourteenth Masonic District.

To M. W. Wm. A. BRODIE, *Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York :*

M. W. Sir and Brother :—I herewith submit the returns of the Fifteenth Masonic District, comprising St. Lawrence, Franklin and Clinton counties, numbering within its limits thirty-three lodges. I have to commend the promptness of the several Masters in furnishing the desired reports. I have visited several of the lodges of this district, and from personal observation and information in my possession, I am satisfied that harmony prevails, and that commendable care has been exercised in the selection of material for new members.

On October 9th and 10th, a convention of the several lodges of this district was held in Gouverneur. R. W. GEORGE H. RAYMOND, Grand Lecturer, exemplified the standard work, and from the interest manifested I am sure great good resulted therefrom. My thanks are due the brethren of Gouverneur Lodge, No. 217, for use of their rooms and courtesies received by myself and the representatives. Only one case of discord has arisen, and that has received your personal attention.

A dispensation for a new lodge, Tahawus, has been issued during the year past. I made an official visit to said lodge at their request, and after careful investigation of their books, finances and work, I am happy to state that under the instruction of R. W. GEORGE H. RAYMOND, Grand Lecturer, they have become proficient in all that is necessary to the able management of a lodge, and I cheerfully recommend that a warrant be granted them at coming session of Grand Lodge. Thanking you for my appointment and many kindnesses at your hands, and wishing you all happiness in the future, I have the honor to be,

Yours respectfully and fraternally,

EMERSON I. LORD,

D. D. G. M. Fifteenth Masonic District.

To M. W. Wm. A. BRODIE, *Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York :*

M. W. Sir and Brother :—It is with pleasure that I transmit herewith my first annual report as D. D. G. M. of the Sixteenth Masonic District. Some

delay has been caused by the secretaries of some of the lodges not forwarding their reports promptly, as required by the Constitution of the Grand Lodge.

A convention of lodges comprising the Sixteenth Masonic District was held at Watertown on the 6th and 7th days of October, 1884, for the exemplification of the work, by R. W. Bro. GEORGE H. RAYMOND, Grand Lecturer.

The representatives of nearly all the lodges were present. R. W. Bro. RAYMOND showed himself "apt to teach," and the benefit derived therefrom is plainly to be seen in those lodges that were represented.

I have visited, officially, nearly all the lodges in this district, and in every instance I have been cordially and fraternally received as your immediate representative.

No controversies have arisen in the district during my official term, but harmony and good feeling prevail.

In conclusion, permit me to thank you, M. W. Sir, for the honor of my appointment, and to congratulate you on the success which has attended your administration as Grand Master.

Fraternally yours,

BYRON J. STROUGH,

D. D. G. M. Sixteenth Masonic District.

To M. W. WM. A. BRODIE, *Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York :*

M. W. Sir and Brother :—I have this day transmitted to R. W. Bro. EHLERS, Grand Secretary, the statistical report of the twenty-four lodges in the Seventeenth District, for the period ending December 31, 1884.

It affords me great pleasure to report to you that the district has been entirely harmonious for the past year, the lodges doing good work and showing an increase in membership since my last report of fifty-nine.

Thanking you for the honor conferred upon my lodge and myself by re-appointing me to represent you in this district,

I am, truly and fraternally yours,

WALTER H. STEWART.

D. D. G. M. Seventeenth Masonic District.

To M. W. WM. A. BRODIE, *Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York :*

M. W. Sir and Dear Brother :—I have the honor to herewith transmit my annual report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Eighteenth Masonic District for the past year, regretting the delay, caused by want of promptness of several of the secretaries in forwarding their reports.

It is gratifying to be able to report that harmony exists in the district, and that the fraternity is in a healthy and prosperous condition.

In my intercourse with the lodges I have found little to correct, either in their work or manner of transacting their business, but much to commend, which is attributable to the universal desire of the officers and members to strictly obey the statutes and regulations, and conform to the standard work as promulgated by the Grand Lodge, and exemplified by the Grand Lecturer.

My report for the eight months ending December 31, 1884, which has been forwarded to the Grand Secretary, shows an increase of twenty-nine in the district.

Last summer Afton Lodge, No. 360, had their lodge-room destroyed by fire, only the charter and jewels being saved. In connection with the chapter they were partially insured. For several months they have been without a suitable place to do more than transact legislative business; but with commendable zeal and perseverance they purchased a site and have erected thereon a substantial brick edifice, using the upper portion for lodge purposes.

By direction of R. W. GEORGE H. RAYMOND, Grand Lecturer, a convention for exemplification was called to meet in Masonic Hall at Norwich, August 28th and 29th, which was well attended. It may be unnecessary, yet it is due R. W. Bro. RAYMOND, to say that his instructions were given with the thoroughness characteristic of his labors in the past.

I desire to acknowledge my obligations to the brethren throughout the district for the fraternal courtesies extended to me, as your representative, in my intercourse with them.

In concluding my report, allow me to express to you my grateful appreciation for the confidence evinced and the honor conferred by this appointment, and trusting that my official duties have been performed in such manner as to meet your approbation, I remain, with many wishes for your prosperity and happiness,

Fraternally yours,

ISAAC W. BAKER,

D. D. G. M. Eighteenth Masonic District.

To M. W. WM. A. BRODIE, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York :

M. W. Sir and Dear Brother :—I have the honor to report that the tabulated statistics of this district for the year ending December 31, 1884, has been transmitted to R. W. Bro. EHLENS, Grand Secretary. An unavoidable delay in sending this return has occurred, owing to the failure of the secretaries of several lodges to perform their duty, of making a return within the statutory time. In the case of these lodges no return was obtained, although the failure to make it was supplemented by a neglect to reply to communications made, urging prompt attention to this duty; therefore the fruitless results of my efforts has necessitated the sending in of my report in an uncompleted state.

During the year I have had the pleasure of visiting but few of the lodges, owing to the pressure of professional engagements, but am able to report a very satisfactory condition existing, both in the interest evinced in the work and the generally increased membership.

With the exception of a single instance, in which less than the statutory time intervened between the conferring of the second and third degrees, on a brother, and which was promptly reported to you, I have no knowledge of a lodge working in any other than a regular manner.

Peace and harmony have prevailed among the brethren, and no occasion has arisen requiring my intervention; and on the occasion of official visits, as your representative, I have been cordially and hospitably received and entertained.

A convention for the exemplification of the standard work was held in the rooms of Cortlandville Lodge, No. 470, October 14th and 15th, and was well attended, twenty-two lodges being represented. Under the direction of R. W. Bro. GEORGE H. RAYMOND, an exceptional degree of interest was manifested by the brethren in attendance. The importance of these conventions as a means for the unification of the work, cannot be overestimated, and it might be well if District Deputies were authorized to summon the officers of lodges to attend or be represented.

In concluding my report, I desire to express my grateful appreciation of the confidence shown in appointing me your representative in this district, and with a cordial and heartfelt wish for your future health, prosperity and happiness,

I am, Sir, truly and fraternally yours,

HENRY T. DANA,

D. D. G. M. Nineteenth Masonic District.

To M. W. Wm. A. BRODIE, *Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York :*

M. W. Sir and Dear Brother :—It is with great pleasure that I transmit the annual report of the Twentieth Masonic District. It has been delayed, an experience I learn to be not uncommon with most District Deputies, owing to the tardiness of some of the lodge secretaries in forwarding their annual report. I am happy, however, to testify to the promptness of a large majority of those in this district.

I am able to report that the condition of masonry in my district is not only vigorous and healthy, but the tabulated statement forwarded herewith shows a degree of prosperity that is very gratifying. The most perfect harmony and fraternal feeling prevails, and not a single controversy has been submitted to me for adjustment or has come to my knowledge.

On Wednesday, September 2, 1884, the corner-stone of the new high-school building, one of the finest and most imposing edifices in Ithaca, was laid with masonic ceremony by M. W. Wm. A. BRODIE, Grand Master, assisted by the undersigned and a large number of lodges in this district. The exercises were witnessed by thousands of our citizens and over twelve hundred pupils of the schools of various grades of the village.

The addresses given by **HON. EDWARD S. ESTY**, President of the Board of Education ; **M. W. WM. A. BRODIE**, President **WHITE** of Cornell University, and **Col. GEO SOULE**, an eminent educationalist and mason of New Orleans, were of the highest order of merit, and were received with great enthusiasm. The following was the order of exercises :

- 1.—Music.
- 2.—Address of welcome and presentation of trowel to the Grand Master by President **E. S. ESTY**.
- 3.—Opening of the Grand Lodge, **F. and A. M.**, of the State of New York.
- 4.—Laying of the corner-stone.
- 5.—Music.
- 6.—Address by Grand Master, **WM. A. BRODIE**.
- 7.—Music.
- 8.—Address by **Col. GEORGE SOULE**.
- 9.—Music.
- 10.—Address by President **A. D. WHITE**.
- 11.—Music.
- 12.—Benediction.

All the visiting brethren were entertained, free of expense, during their stay in Ithaca by the masons of the two lodges here.

The district convention for the exemplification of work was held in Masonic Hall, Ithaca, November 13th and 14th, under the direction of **R. W. GEORGE H. RAYMOND**, Grand Lecturer. The attendance was good, and the convention was not only very successful in its object and purpose, but pleasant and harmonious. Never was the work of the Grand Lecturer more highly appreciated and fraught with better results.

I am in favor of having it made obligatory for at least one of the three principal officers of each lodge to attend said annual convention, and that his lodge defray the expenses of such attendance.

The above meetings, composed of so many of the prominent masons of this district, held in the district during the past year, have been productive of much good to the order, and have brought us nearer as a band of friends and brothers, and stimulated us to greater efforts in our worthy cause.

While thanking you, **M. W. Sir**, for the honor of my unexpected appointment, and for the generous assistance rendered during the past year, I also desire to express my profound sympathy with you in your great bereavement, and hope the Grand Master of the Universe will sustain, as he alone can sustain, you in these great afflictions.

To the brethren of the district I also extend my hearty thanks for their fraternal courtesies and cordial friendship.

I am, very sincerely, yours,

GEORGE B. DAVIS,

D. D. G. M. Twentieth Masonic District.

To M. W. WM. A. BRODIE, *Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York :*

M. W. Sir and Dear Brother :—I have this day transmitted to the Grand Secretary the report of lodges in the Twenty-first District, for the year ending 31st December, 1884, showing no material change since last report.

I am happy to say that harmony prevails throughout the district, with the single exception to which your attention was called a short time since, and that will soon be adjusted.

I am sorry to state that I have been unable to officially visit as many lodges as I would have liked, having only visited those who have especially requested my presence. In each and every case my reception and treatment was cordial and fraternal.

The usual convention for the exemplification of the work and lectures was held by the R. W. Bro. GEORGE H. RAYMOND, in the rooms of Newark Lodge, No. 83, on the 16th and 17th of October, 1884, and I am pleased to report that, while the general attendance in numbers was much larger than at former conventions, yet I would have been more pleased to see a greater number of lodges represented. I feel confident that at those held in the future there will be more of the lodges represented, as many of the officers I have seen of lodges not usually represented, express themselves desirous of attending in the future, and am satisfied that at no distant day the annual conventions in this district will be attended by representatives from every lodge in it. Then, and not until then, will there be perfect uniformity of work.

With many thanks, M. W. Sir, for the honor conferred upon me by your re-appointment,

I remain, fraternally,

FRED. D. VANDERHOOF,

D. D. G. M. Twenty-first Masonic District.

To M. W. WM. A. BRODIE, *Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York :*

M. W. Sir and Dear Brother :—I have this day forwarded to the Grand Secretary a tabulated statement of the condition of the lodges in this district for the year ended December 31, 1884, and in accordance with the constitution make the following report to you :

As you are aware, my time for the past year has been very fully occupied with other than masonic labors, so much so, in fact, that I feel I have not performed all the duties that are demanded of one who accepts the position of Deputy, or that the earnest and faithful brethren of this district have the right to expect.

Judging from the condition of the lodges which I have had the pleasure of visiting, and from correspondence with, and personal calls from members of others, I can say, that with two or three exceptions, the lodges of this district are in a very flourishing and healthy state.

By direction from R. W. Bro. GEORGE H. RAYMOND, I called a convention for the exemplification of the standard work, to be held in this city, January 21 and

22. This convention was very largely attended, at one session there being one hundred and twenty-eight brethren present—twenty-six of the thirty-four lodges in the district being represented, besides representatives from three lodges in adjoining districts. Great interest was manifested in the proceedings, and I am satisfied that much good came from the earnest work of our faithful Grand Lecturer.

No questions of importance have been submitted to me during the year, except such as could be answered by reference to the constitution and statutes.

I desire, M. W. Sir, to heartily thank you for the honor you bestowed in selecting me as your representative in this district, and my only regret is, that in return for your kindness I have not been able to give that time and attention to the position which my inclination certainly prompted me to.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

JOHN A. DAVIS,

D. D. G. M. Twenty-second Masonic District.

To M. W. Wm. A. BRODIE, *Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York :*

M. W. Sir and Dear Brother :—I have forwarded to the Grand Secretary my report for the year ending May 1, 1885, and would state that the delay was caused by the failure of six lodges to report. I urged them by letter to report but have received no answer.

The annual convention for the exemplification of work by R. W. GEORGE H. RAYMOND, was held in Hornellsville, October 23 and 24, 1884, the attendance was not large owing to the very bad weather, but those who were present were greatly benefited from the instruction received from our worthy Grand Lecturer, and I most heartily thank you, M. W. Sir, for accepting an invitation and being present with us on that occasion. The lecture you gave us was treasured up by all who were present.

Thanking you, M. W. Sir, for the honor of my appointment as your representative in the Twenty-Third District,

I am courteously and fraternally yours,

PETER C. HUFSTADER,

D. D. G. M. Twenty-Third Masonic District.

To M. W. Wm. A. BRODIE, *Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York :*

M. W. Sir and Brother ;—I herewith submit my report of the Twenty-fourth Masonic District for the year just ended. I am pleased to state that peace and prosperity continues throughout the district and no complaints or controversies have disturbed our masonic harmony.

I have had frequent communications with all the lodges in the district and have visited most of them. Upon such occasions I have noted with pleasure that the work was being well and faithfully exemplified. The district convention was held at Masonic Hall in Lockport, January 22 and 23, 1885, under the direction of R. W. GEORGE H. RAYMOND, Grand Lecturer, who seemed to excel (if possible) all previous efforts on his part. Every lodge in the district was represented and the general attendance was good; a deep interest was manifested in the standard work as exemplified at that time. Lockport Lodge, No. 73, Niagara Lodge, No. 375, and Red Jacket Lodge, No. 646, of this city (Lockport), joined in entertaining the visiting brothers, including the giving of a banquet, which was without doubt in advance of anything of the kind ever given in Masonic Hall. Such occasions of social intercourse, I believe, have a tendency to promote a friendly feeling and the good of the craft. I have published a pocket-masonic Directory containing the names of the officers, times of meeting, location, etc., of the several lodges, chapters, councils, commanderies and lodges of Perfection in this district, also the names of the Grand Lodge Officers. These I have distributed throughout the district, and the brethren assert that they find them very useful.

Thanking you sincerely for the honor of my appointment,

I am, truly and fraternally yours,

JOHN HODGE,

D. D. G. M. Twenty-fourth Masonic District.

To M. W. WM. A. BRODIE, *Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York :*

M. W. Sir and Brother :—In accordance with the requirements of the constitution I have this day transmitted to the Grand Secretary a tabulated statement of the Twenty-fifth Masonic District for the year ending December 31, 1884.

I have visited all the lodges in the district with the exception of two, and these will be before the next communication of the Grand Lodge. It gives me great pleasure to be able to report that everywhere peace and harmony prevail, and that all the lodges are in good financial condition, and show an increase in membership over the last report of sixty-one, making a total of 2,867.

I received a communication from Zion Lodge, No. 514, of Orchard Park, notifying me of the invasion of their territory by Modestia Lodge, No. 340, of Buffalo, in conferring the three degrees upon a candidate residing in their jurisdiction, but on my bringing the grievance before them they immediately made satisfactory reparation and the matter was harmoniously settled.

The Grand Lecturer, R. W. Bro. GEORGE H. RAYMOND held a convention in Masonic Hall in Buffalo, January 27th and 28th, and the officers of the several lodges throughout the district responded to the call issued, and took great interest in the exemplification of the work and lectures.

The corner-stone of the drill room annex to the State Arsenal in this city was laid with Masonic honors on Monday, September 29th, and it gave the attending

brethren and myself great pleasure in having the honor of assisting you in the ceremony.

And in conclusion, M. W. Sir, allow me to express to you my most sincere thanks for the honor you have conferred in appointing me your deputy and for the many kind courtesies extended.

I remain fraternally and truly yours,

ALBERT JONES,

D. D. G. M. Twenty-fifth Masonic District.

To M. W. WM. A. BRODIE, *Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York :*

M. W. Sir and Dear Brother :—Respectfully complying with the constitutional requirements, I have this day transmitted to R. W. EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, Grand Secretary, my report of the condition of the lodges in this the Twenty-sixth Masonic District.

I am pleased to report that the lodges under my charge maintain a reasonable degree of prosperity, though somewhat retarded by the unfavorable financial condition of our common country.

The most notable event among the craft, was the dedication of the beautiful and complete Masonic Hall of Phoenix Lodge, No. 262, at Gowanda, on the evening of December 4, 1884. The four hundred guests who assembled to witness the interesting and impressive ceremonies, which were conducted by yourself, assisted by other members of the Grand Lodge, and who afterwards gathered around the bounteous table spread in the adjoining Opera House, will abundantly testify as to the liberal and brotherly greeting extended to the visiting brethren.

It affords me especial pleasure to assure you, M. W. Sir, that the brotherhood of this jurisdiction appreciate the honor of your visitation and will long gratefully remember your excellent and timely address to them on that occasion.

HON. THOMAS B. CAMPBELL, of Westfield, a member of Summit Lodge, No. 219, died Tuesday, March 3, 1885, at the ripe age of ninety-six years. His funeral was conducted by the fraternity; an unusually large number attending. It was claimed by himself, and many of his friends, that he was the oldest mason in the United States, having been made at Owasco Flats in 1809.

It is with great pride and satisfaction that I refer to the uniform and orthodox work as rendered in all of the twenty lodges of this district: each vying with the other to make it perfect as taught by the Grand Lecturer.

R. W. GEORGE H. RAYMOND held a convention at Masonic Hall, Olean, October 21 and 22, 1884, when he exemplified the work in the several degrees in his usual excellent manner and the brethren of this jurisdiction recognize and appreciate the great value of his instructions.

In behalf of the lodges in my district, as well as for myself personally, I desire to thank R. W. EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, for his kindness and attention as the Grand Secretary.

In conclusion, permit me to thank you, M. W. Sir, for the honor which you conferred upon me by my appointment, and also the brethren of this district for the courtesy always extended to me.

With sentiments of highest respect and the best wishes for your future happiness and prosperity,

Fraternally yours,

LAURENS G. RISLEY,

D. D. G. M. Twenty-sixth Masonic District.

To M. W. WM. A. BRODIE, *Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York :*

M. W. Sir and Dear Brother :—I have this date transmitted R. W. EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, Grand Secretary, my annual report for the Twenty-seventh Masonic District, and am pleased to be able to state that harmony now reigns within our borders. A majority of the lodges are doing good work. I have visited them all officially, except Aquahonga, No. 685, which is in a state of decline, and has held no regular communication, since the election and installation of its officers in December last.

R. W. GEORGE H. RAYMOND, Grand Lecturer, held his annual convention, and exemplified the work in his usual able and impressive manner, the lodges being all represented.

Nothing of importance has occurred in the district, save what was brought to your immediate notice.

Accept my thanks for the honor you have conferred upon me and my lodge, in selecting me as your representative in the Twenty-seventh Masonic District.

Faithfully yours,

LEONARD W. JEWELL,

D. D. G. M. Twenty-seventh Masonic District.

To M. W. WM. A. BRODIE, *Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York :*

M. W. and Dear Brother :—I have forwarded to the Grand Secretary my report of the condition of the lodges working in German in the city of New York, and in Kings and Richmond counties, and I cheerfully certify to their prosperity, their universal loyalty to the Grand Lodge, and their most intimate brotherly relations toward each other and the craft generally.

The German Masonic Temple, in East Fifteenth street, in New York city, is now free from mortgage—a substantial monument of the fraternity to its fidelity and thrift.

The still existing debt has been bonded, and is held by German lodges exclusively. The brethren are to be congratulated on this proof of their devotion to

their long-cherished purpose of securing for themselves a home worthy of the dignity of the brotherhood.

The attention of the brethren has now been directed to an effort to organize a masonic charity, in which all the lodges of this district may participate, and although this matter is still crude and shapeless, yet the movement is a gratifying evidence of active masonic life among the brethren.

I have called two conventions of Masters and Past Masters, for the discussion of several matters of interest to the district. The business before them was conducted with uniform courtesy and in masonic spirit.

Your official visit to the district was universally and gratefully appreciated by the brethren, and marks a "red letter day" in our history.

I regretfully note that W. Bro. HERMAN GROBE, Master re-elect of Zschokke Lodge, No. 202, died before installation. The special election ordered by you was held under my occupancy of the chair, and the installation of officers conducted by me.

I have visited nearly every one of the lodges of my district, but poor health during a part of my official term, and great pressure of business, prevented me from visiting all. Everywhere I was received, not only with the courtesy and respect due your representative, but also with that brotherly cordiality which made my duties pleasant, and which will be a most grateful remembrance to me as long as memory shall last.

Thanking you, M. W. Bro., for the great honor conferred upon me in my appointment, I trust that I succeeded, at least in a measure, in justifying the confidence reposed in

Yours, fraternally,

GUSTAVE DETTLOFF,

D. D. G. M. German Masonic District.

To M. W. Wm. A. BRODIE, *Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York:*

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:—The condition of the craft in the Latin Masonic District, as can be seen by the tabulated statement forwarded this day to R. W. Brother EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, Grand Secretary, shows a net increase of eighteen members in the total membership for the year ending December 31, 1884.

The financial condition of the several lodges in the district is satisfactory. They are all enjoying a fair degree of prosperity.

Whatever dissatisfaction may have existed in some has been amicably adjusted. At present peace, unity and harmony reign within the sanctus sanctorum of all.

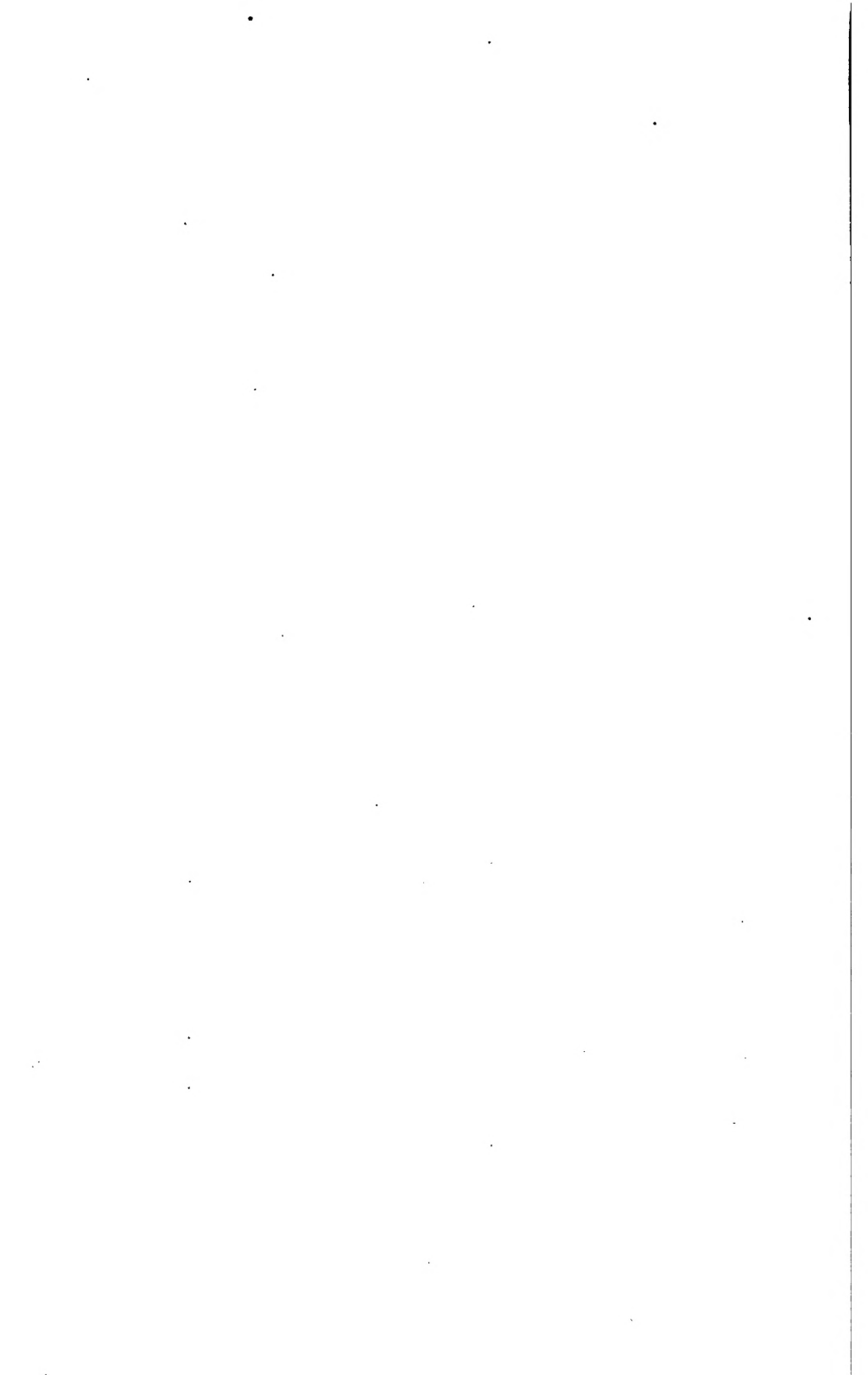
With many thanks for the courtesy extended to me upon all occasions, and sincere wishes for your future welfare and happiness,

I remain, Dear Sir and M. W. Brother,

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

GEORGE F. HEIDET,

D. D. G. M. Latin Masonic District.



LIST OF LODGES

IN GOOD STANDING, UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE GRAND LODGE
OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

No.	Lodge.	District.	No.	Lodge.	District.
1	ST. JOHN'S.....	4	56	HOHENLINDEN.....	3
2	IND. ROYAL ARCH.....	4	58	PHENIX.....	12
3	MOUNT VERNON.....	12	60	SUFFOLK.....	1
4	ST. PATRICK'S.....	14	62	MANHATTAN.....	4
5	MASTERS'.....	12	63	MORTON.....	1
6	ST. GEORGE'S.....	12	64	LA FAYETTE.....	4
7	HUDSON.....	12	65	MORNING STAR.....	23
8	HOLLAND.....	4	66	RICHMOND.....	27
9	UNITY.....	12	67	MARINERS'.....	4
10	KINGSTON.....	10	68	MONTGOMERY.....	4
11	LODGE OF ANTIQUITY.....	4	69	NAVAL.....	4
12	TRINITY.....	German.	70	JOHN HANCOCK.....	4
13	APOLLO.....	12	73	LOCKPORT.....	24
14	TEMPLE.....	12	75	EVENING STAR.....	12
15	WESTERN STAR.....	17	79	HAMILTON.....	14
16	PRINCE OF ORANGE.....	4	82	PHCEBUS.....	18
17	L'UNION FRANCAISE, Fr., Sp., & It.		83	NEWARK.....	21
19	FORTITUDE.....	3	84	ARTIZAN.....	14
20	PIONEER.....	4	85	WASHINGTON.....	12
21	WASHINGTON.....	4	86	PYTHAGORAS.....	German.
22	ST. JOHN'S.....	13	87	SCHODACK UNION.....	12
23	ADELPHI.....	4	90	FRANKLIN.....	13
26	ALBION.....	4	91	KING SOLOMON'S PRIM.....	12
27	MOUNT MORIAH.....	4	93	MILITARY.....	19
28	BENEVOLENT.....	4	94	□ OF STRICT OBSERVANCE.....	4
30	DIRIGO.....	4	95	UNION.....	20
31	MECHANIC.....	4	96	PHENIX.....	13
32	WARREN.....	9	97	RENOVATION.....	24
33	ARK.....	21	98	COLUMBIA.....	12
34	COURTLANDT.....	9	103	RISING SUN.....	13
35	HOWARD.....	4	104	LEWIS.....	23
39	OLIVE BRANCH.....	22	105	HIRAM.....	25
40	OLIVE BRANCH.....	14	106	MANITOU.....	4
41	SILVAN.....	19	107	NORTH STAR.....	15
44	EVENING STAR.....	23	108	MILO.....	21
45	UNION.....	22	109	VALLEY.....	22
47	UTICA.....	17	110	SCIPIO.....	19
48	ARK.....	11	111	ST. LAWRENCE.....	15
49	WATERTOWN.....	16	112	STEBEN.....	23
50	CONCORD.....	4	113	SENECA.....	21
51	FIDELITY.....	20	114	UNION.....	21
53	BROWNVILLE.....	16	115	PHENIX.....	22
54	GERMAN UNION.....	German.	116	COHOES.....	12
55	GRANVILLE.....	13	117	PAINTED POST.....	23

No.	Lodge.	District.	No.	Lodge.	District.
118	ADDISON UNION.....	23	174	THERESA	16
119	OASIS.....	11	175	OXFORD	18
120	HAMILTON.....	17	176	MONTEZUMA	19
121	GLEN'S FALLS.....	13	177	BINGHAMTON.....	18
122	MOUNT MORRIS.....	22	178	ATLANTIC.....	5
123	DUNDEE.....	21	179	GERMAN PILGRIM.....	German.
124	ST. PAUL'S.....	19	180	WESTCHESTER.....	9
126	EASTERN LIGHT.....	18	181	LITTLE FALLS	14
127	OSWEGO.....	19	182	GERMANIA.....	German.
128	OGDENSBURGH.....	15	183	FARMERVILLE.....	21
129	SANGER.....	17	184	TURIN	16
130	PORT BYRON.....	19	185	INDEPENDENT.....	5
131	MYRTLE.....	20	187	DARCY.....	5
132	NIAGARA FRONTIER.....	24	188	MARSH.....	2
134	LOWVILLE.....	16	190	MUNN.....	5
135	SACKET'S HARBOR.....	16	191	LEBANON.....	5
136	MEXICO.....	19	198	ULSTER.....	10
137	ANGLO-SAXON.....	3	194	PLATT.....	5
138	OTSEGO.....	18	195	EXCELSIOR.....	5
139	MILNOR.....	21	196	SOLOMON'S.....	9
140	CLINTON.....	13	197	YORK.....	5
141	CATO.....	19	198	SILENTIA.....	5
142	MORNING SUN.....	13	199	HARMONY.....	German.
143	CONCORDIA.....	25	200	SINCERITY.....	21
144	HIRAM.....	19	201	JOFFA.....	3
145	MOUNT MORIAH.....	26	202	ZSCHOKKE.....	German.
146	WESTERN UNION.....	23	203	TEMPLAR.....	5
147	WARREN.....	19	204	PALESTINE.....	5
148	SULLIVAN.....	17	205	HYATT.....	2
149	AU SABLE RIVER.....	13	206	EMPIRE CITY.....	5
150	SAUQUOIT.....	17	207	UNITED STATES.....	5
152	HANOVER.....	26	208	CYBUS.....	5
153	FRIENDSHIP.....	20	209	NATIONAL.....	5
154	PENFIELD UNION.....	22	210	WORTH.....	5
155	CLINTON.....	15	211	POCAHONTAS.....	21
156	OCEAN.....	4	213	RACKET RIVER.....	15
157	TRUMANSBURGH.....	20	214	GENESEO.....	22
158	CARTHAGE.....	16	216	FRANKLIN.....	15
159	PULTNEYVILLE.....	21	217	GOUVERNEUR.....	15
160	SENECA RIVER.....	19	218	HARTLAND.....	24
161	ERIE.....	25	219	SUMMIT.....	26
162	SCHUYLER'S LAKE.....	18	221	CATUGA.....	19
163	YONNONDIO.....	22	223	ROMAN.....	17
164	PHILANTHROPIC.....	17	224	ORIENTAL.....	17
165	BOONVILLE.....	17	225	ALLEGANY.....	23
166	FOREST.....	26	226	ANTWERP.....	16
167	SUSQUEHANNA.....	18	227	EASTERN STAR.....	5
168	MONTAUB.....	23	228	ENTERPRISE.....	5
169	CLENTON.....	17	229	ORIONA.....	23
171	LAFARGEVILLE.....	16	230	WELLSVILLE.....	23
172	CHAUMONT.....	16	231	CANASTOTA.....	17
173	MONBOE.....	22	232	NAVIGATOR.....	German.

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233	PACIFIC.....	5	289	ST. ANDREW'S.....	11
234	RIISING SUN.....	16	290	SPENCER.....	20
235	KEYSTONE.....	5	291	NOR. CONSTELLATION.....	15
236	PHILIPSTOWN.....	9	292	PARISH.....	25
237	CHAMPLAIN.....	15	293	CAPE VINCENT.....	16
238	ORIENT.....	16	294	CANANDAIGUA.....	21
239	CATTARAUGUS.....	26	295	CATAKACT.....	24
240	WASHINGTON.....	25	296	CLAYTON.....	16
241	CONSTITUTION.....	5	297	ALEXANDRIA.....	16
243	EUREKA.....	5	298	FISH HOUSE.....	14
244	HOPE.....	5	299	KESHEQUA.....	22
245	POLAR STAR.....	5	300	GABOGA.....	14
246	ARCAN.....	5	301	IRONDEQUOIT.....	26
247	TONAWANDA.....	25	302	NORWICH.....	18
248	PALMYRA.....	21	303	SYLVAN.....	26
249	CHARTER OAK.....	5	304	SCHILLER.....	German.
250	JOHN D. WILLARD.....	5	305	CENTRAL CITY.....	19
252	OLEAN.....	26	306	CUBA.....	23
253	OLD OAK.....	20	307	ELLICOTTVILLE.....	26
254	WALWORTH.....	21	308	SENECA LAKE.....	21
255	LIVING STONE.....	25	309	NEWBURGH.....	10
256	FORT BREWERTON.....	19	310	LEXINGTON.....	3
257	MOUNT NEBOH.....	5	311	MOUNT ZION.....	12
258	MACEDONIA.....	23	313	STONY POINT.....	10
259	SISCO.....	13	315	WAWAYANDA.....	10
260	MOUNT HOPE.....	13	316	ATLAS.....	6
261	EVANS.....	25	317	NEPTUNE.....	6
262	PHOENIX.....	26	318	JOSEPH ENOS.....	23
263	MOUNT VERNON.....	22	319	BLACK LAKE.....	15
264	BARON STEUBEN.....	17	320	UNION STAR.....	22
265	SEEDSVILLE.....	20	321	ST. NICHOLAS.....	6
266	POUGHKEPSIE.....	9	322	STAR OF BETHLEHEM.....	3
267	FORT EDWARD.....	13	323	AMITY.....	6
268	HEHMANN.....	German.	324	FREEDOM.....	18
270	ONEIDA.....	17	325	REPUBLICAN.....	19
271	CHANCELLOR WALWORTH.....	5	326	SALEM TOWN.....	19
272	MYSTIC TIE.....	6	327	ACACIA.....	6
273	METROPOLITAN.....	6	328	PORT JERVIS.....	10
274	ARCTURUS.....	6	329	ZERUBBABEL.....	6
275	SYLVAN GROVE.....	6	330	NEW YORK.....	6
276	MOHAWK VALLEY.....	14	331	HORNELLVILLE.....	23
277	HENRY CLAY.....	6	332	JEFFERSON.....	20
278	MARION.....	6	333	WESTBROOK.....	20
279	KING SOLOMON.....	German.	334	CHERRY VALLEY.....	18
280	DORIO.....	6	335	WIDOW S SON.....	12
282	OTEGO UNION.....	18	336	MEDINA.....	24
283	BEACON.....	9	337	GREENBUSH.....	12
284	BALTIC.....	2	338	POTNAM.....	6
285	GEORGE WASHINGTON.....	6	339	PURITAN.....	6
286	MONTAUK.....	3	340	MODESTIA.....	25
287	CONTINENTAL.....	6	341	CLYDE.....	21
288	BROOKLYN.....	3	342	LILY.....	6

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343	ROUNDOUT.....	10	402	CRESCENT.....	6
345	LODI.....	21	403	GREENPOINT.....	2
347	HAMPTON.....	17	404	CONSTELLATION.....	22
348	ADELPHIC.....	6	406	HUMANITY.....	21
349	PECONIC.....	1	407	WAVERLY.....	20
350	CHEMUNG VALLEY.....	20	408	CITY.....	6
351	SPRINGVILLE.....	25	409	COMMONWEALTH.....	3
352	HOMER.....	19	410	LA CLEMENTE AM. Cos. F., S., & I.	
354	PROGRESSIVE.....	2	411	CANDOR.....	20
355	JERUSALEM.....	12	412	HOFFMAN.....	10
356	UNITED BROTHERS.....	German.	413	WEST STAR.....	22
357	CANEADEA.....	23	414	SCRIBA.....	19
358	QUEEN CITY.....	25	415	PULASKI.....	19
359	RANDOLPH.....	26	416	WAYNE.....	21
360	AFTON.....	18	417	WADSWORTH.....	12
361	CENTRAL.....	3	418	MOAIC.....	6
362	VALATIE.....	12	419	ARCADE.....	22
363	EVERGREEN.....	18	420	NEW LONDON.....	17
364	HORSE HEADS.....	20	421	GENOA.....	19
365	GOSHEN.....	10	422	FRONTIER CITY.....	19
367	CORNER-STONE.....	2	423	HERKIMER.....	14
368	CROTON.....	9	425	WARRENSBURGH.....	13
369	CALLIMACHUS.....	19	426	NORFIELD.....	22
371	SAGAMORE.....	6	427	CASCADE.....	11
372	NANDY HILL.....	13	428	HIGH FALLS.....	15
373	LA SINCERITE.....	Fr., Sp., & It.	429	GLOVERSVILLE.....	14
374	MONUMENTAL.....	9	430	STAR OF HOPE.....	2
375	NIAGARA.....	24	431	AUBURN.....	19
376	ONTARIO.....	24	432	REINEBECK.....	9
377	RUSHVILLE.....	21	433	FORT PLAIN.....	14
378	BIG FLATS.....	20	434	HIAWATHA.....	9
379	OAKLAND.....	22	435	OTSENINGO.....	18
380	MURRAY.....	24	437	WAMPONAMON.....	1
381	HUGUENOT.....	27	438	MARATHON.....	19
382	LONG ISLAND.....	3	439	DELHI.....	11
383	AURORA.....	15	440	VIENNA.....	17
384	CHERRY CREEK.....	26	441	☐ OF ANCIENT LANDMARKS.....	25
385	WEEDSPORT.....	19	442	WINDSOR.....	18
386	JORDAN.....	19	444	SHERBURNE.....	18
387	LA FRATERNIDAD.....	Fr., Sp., & It.	445	CASSIA.....	2
388	UPPER LISLE.....	18	446	OLTMAN'S.....	2
389	MARGARETVILLE.....	11	447	FRANKLIN.....	6
391	SALEM.....	13	448	HUGUENOT.....	9
392	SODUS.....	21	449	HIRAM.....	6
393	WADDINGTON.....	15	450	RISING STAR.....	9
394	COBLESKILL.....	11	451	DELTA.....	3
395	AMBER.....	15	452	ANCIENT CITY.....	12
396	DEPOSIT.....	18	453	CLINTON.....	2
397	IVY.....	20	454	KANE.....	6
398	HOME.....	13	455	NEWPORT.....	14
399	MAINE.....	18	456	SENATE.....	13
400	VAN RENSSELAER.....	12	457	HARLEM.....	7

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458	SHEKOMERO.....	9	516	PARK.....	7
459	URBANA.....	23	517	FRONTIER.....	15
461	YEW TREE.....	2	519	ARCHITECT.....	7
462	ATTICA.....	22	520	SALT SPRINGS.....	19
463	LAMOKA.....	20	521	CALLICOON.....	10
464	DOWNSVILLE.....	11	522	SKANEATELES.....	19
466	ONEONTA.....	18	523	NORMAL.....	7
467	GREENWICH.....	7	524	MORNING STAR.....	19
468	CATSKILL.....	11	525	LIVERPOOL.....	19
470	CORTLANDVILLE.....	19	526	HENRIETTA.....	22
471	TOMPKINS.....	27	527	AKRON.....	25
472	DRYDEN.....	20	528	MONITOR.....	7
473	WHITE PLAINS.....	9	529	MOUNTAIN.....	11
474	BELMONT.....	23	531	FULTONVILLE.....	14
475	BATAVIA.....	22	532	MONTICELLO.....	10
476	FAIRPORT.....	22	533	ROUND HILL.....	18
477	WILDWOOD.....	15	534	TIOGA.....	20
478	DANVILLE.....	23	535	AMERICUS.....	7
479	ETOLIAN.....	22	536	NASSAU.....	3
480	WEBOTUCK.....	9	537	GRAMEROY.....	7
481	CAMBRIDGE VALLEY.....	13	538	WEBSTER.....	22
482	RICHFIELD SPRINGS.....	18	539	FAYETTE.....	21
483	ZEREDATHA.....	3	540	HILL GROVE.....	2
484	COLUMBIAN.....	7	541	BRASHER.....	15
485	STELLA.....	3	542	GARIBALDI.....	Fr., Sp., & It.
486	IONIC.....	7	543	TRILUMINAR.....	22
487	TECUMSEH.....	7	544	WARWICK.....	10
488	CORINTHIAN.....	7	545	COPERNICUS.....	German.
489	MANHATTA.....	7	546	JAMAICA.....	1
490	PYRAMID.....	7	547	CAMERON MILLS.....	23
491	SCHOHARIE VALLEY.....	11	548	LAURENS.....	18
492	WYOMING.....	9	549	WARSAW.....	22
493	SOUTH SIDE.....	1	550	HANNIBAL.....	19
494	JEPHTHA.....	1	551	RANSOMVILLE.....	24
496	GROTON.....	20	552	HANCOCK.....	11
497	GLENDALE.....	13	553	FARMERS'.....	18
498	DE MOLAY.....	25	554	WORKING.....	11
499	DEER RIVER.....	15	555	DIAMOND.....	9
500	HERMON.....	15	556	NORTH BANGOR.....	15
501	SYRACUSE.....	19	557	JAMES M. AUSTIN.....	11
504	MONTGOMERY.....	13	558	ANDOVER.....	23
505	NORTHERN LIGHT.....	15	559	WALTON.....	11
506	RODMAN.....	16	560	RED CREEK.....	21
507	GENESEE FALLS.....	22	561	DELAWARE.....	10
508	HERSCHEL.....	13	562	FRANKLIN.....	11
509	LINDENWALD.....	12	563	CORNUCOPIA.....	1
510	LIBERTY.....	23	564	SANDY CREEK.....	19
511	KINGS COUNTY.....	3	565	GUIDING STAR.....	7
512	HUMBOLDT.....	German.	566	RUSSELL.....	15
513	MASSENA.....	15	567	ARGYLE.....	13
514	ZION.....	25	568	ST. CECILE.....	7
515	BUTTERNUTS.....	18	569	GREENWOOD.....	3

No.	Lodge.	District.	No.	Lodge.	District.
570	AVON SPRINGS.....	22	625	FRATERNAL.....	25
571	CŒUR DE LION.....	11	626	FRANKLINVILLE.....	26
572	MOUNT HERMON.....	15	627	WALLKILL.....	10
573	DEPEYSTER.....	15	628	CITIZENS'.....	7
574	BEDFORD.....	3	629	GOETHE.....	German.
575	OLIVE.....	26	630	GILBOA.....	11
576	FESSLER.....	German.	631	GIBARD.....	7
577	ELK.....	15	632	PRUDENCE.....	7
578	FAYETTEVILLE.....	19	633	RICHVILLE.....	15
579	PORTVILLE.....	26	634	SOOTIA.....	7
580	GLEN COVE.....	1	635	ADVANCE.....	1
581	WINDFIELD.....	14	636	MANUAL.....	2
582	WAWARSING.....	10	637	RISEING LIGHT.....	16
583	PRATTSBURGH.....	23	638	CRYSTAL WAVE.....	3
584	ASHLAR.....	13	639	SOMERSET.....	24
585	COSMOPOLITAN.....	3	640	ADYTUM.....	3
586	ISLAND CITY.....	1	641	COPESTONE.....	7
587	AHWAGA.....	20	642	KNICKERBOCKER.....	8
588	GLOBE.....	7	643	DANIEL CARPENTER.....	8
589	RAMAPO.....	10	645	RIVERHEAD.....	1
590	ROSE.....	21	646	RED JACKET.....	24
591	ILION.....	14	647	MISTLETOE.....	3
592	SCHENENUS VALLEY.....	18	648	CENTREVILLE.....	19
594	ALDEN.....	25	649	McCLELLAN.....	23
595	SOCRATES.....	German.	650	AMBOY.....	19
596	HOPEWELL.....	9	651	TRUE CRAFTSMAN.....	8
597	WESTERN LIGHT.....	18	653	MAMARO.....	9
598	TABERNAACLE.....	7	654	EMANUEL.....	8
599	KENNYETTO.....	14	655	BUNTING.....	8
600	EVANGELIST.....	7	656	EUCLID.....	2
601	ALTAIR.....	3	657	LIVINGSTON.....	8
602	ADIRONDACK.....	13	658	MORRISVILLE.....	17
603	ASTOR.....	7	659	SOUTH OTSELIC.....	18
604	PERFECT ASHLAR.....	7	660	ROCHESTER.....	22
605	TIENUDERRAH.....	18	661	BEETHOVEN.....	German.
606	MASONVILLE.....	11	662	CAMBRIDGE.....	3
607	HUDSON RIVER.....	10	663	MIDDLEBURGH.....	11
608	LESSING.....	German.	664	AMICABLE.....	17
610	IVANHOE.....	7	665	MACEDON.....	21
611	ST. JOHNSVILLE.....	14	666	DOVER.....	9
612	HILLSDALE.....	12	667	CHURCHVILLE.....	22
613	CLEVELAND.....	19	669	PORT LEYDEN.....	16
614	NEWARK VALLEY.....	20	670	STAR.....	12
615	STISSING.....	9	671	WAPPINGER'S.....	9
616	CAZENOVIA.....	17	672	AMENIA.....	9
617	TEUTONIA.....	German.	673	AVOCA.....	23
618	TYRIAN.....	2	674	GRATITUDE.....	12
619	EAGLE.....	21	675	YATES.....	24
620	CLINTON F. PAIGE.....	26	676	SCHUYLER.....	13
621	ORANGE.....	20	677	REMSSEN.....	17
622	CENTRAL SQUARE.....	19	678	SEAWANHAKA.....	2
624	SHARON SPRINGS.....	11	679	ÆONIAN.....	19

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680	VICTOR	12	735	UHLAND.....	German.
681	CAROLINE	20	736	NEPPERHAN.....	9
682	NUNDA STATION.....	22	737	GUTTENBERG.....	12
684	BERNE.....	12	738	MIZPAH.....	1
685	AQUAHONGA.....	27	739	RADIANT.....	8
687	OSWEGATCHIE.....	15	740	ALLEMANIA.....	German.
688	DEPAUVILLE.....	16	741	SOCIAL FRIENDSHIP.....	11
689	WHAT CHEER.....	15	742	STAR OF CUBA.....	8
690	REPUBLIC.....	8	743	MAIMONIDES.....	8
691	MERIDIAN	1	744	PENTALPHA.....	8
692	DE RUYTER.....	17	745	STUYVESANT.....	8
693	KEDEMAH.....	11	746	ROOME.....	8
694	BLAZING STAR.....	25	747	SANCTORUM.....	3
695	ALCYONE.....	1	748	LINCOLN.....	German.
696	PEACOCK.....	26	749	FELLOWSHIP.....	15
697	FAXTON.....	17	750	SHAKESPEARE.....	8
698	HEIDER.....	German.	751	LA UNIVERSAL.....	Fr., Sp., & It.
699	HARMONIE.....	25	752	NAPHTHAL.....	8
700	AQUILA.....	12	753	JUSTICE	8
701	BEACON LIGHT.....	27	754	NOAH.....	12
702	MARBLE.....	9	755	SAVONA.....	23
703	GAVEL.....	8	756	AUBORA GRATA.....	3
704	TUSCAN.....	2	757	SILVER.....	26
705	ACACIAN.....	15	758	COVENANT.....	3
706	CINCINNATUS.....	19	759	OATKA.....	22
707	MOUNT HOREB.....	15	760	KLOPSTOCK.....	German.
708	KISCO.....	9	761	MAPLE GROVE.....	23
709	MERCHANTS'.....	8	763	CENTENNIAL.....	8
710	RIDGEWOOD.....	2	764	SAVANNAH.....	21
711	STANDARD	10	765	VON MENSCH.....	German.
712	PELHAM	9	766	OCCIDENTAL.....	25
713	SOCIAL.....	24	767	DUNKIRK.....	26
714	WIELAND.....	German.	768	SAPPHIRE.....	19
715	IROQUOIS.....	13	769	ANTHON.....	2
716	HOBASCO.....	20	770	GOLDEN RULE.....	8
717	ORION.....	8	771	SOLON.....	German.
718	ADONAI.....	10	772	RESCUE.....	13
719	ACANTHUS.....	8	774	LANSING	20
720	PISSAH.....	16	775	MOUNT LEBANON.....	20
721	JERUSALEM TEMPLE.....	10	776	RELiance.....	2
722	GERMANIA OF ROCHESTER.....	22	777	RESTORATION	23
723	ROCKLAND.....	10	778	LIVONIA	22
724	ANCIENT.....	8	779	CLIO.....	22
725	SOUTHERN LIGHT.....	20	780	HENRY RENNER.....	26
726	CAUTIOUS.....	17	781	CANASERAGA.....	23
727	CHARITY.....	8	782	TRIUNE.....	9
728	ALMA.....	8	784	KING HIRAM.....	20
729	ANCHOR.....	1	785	NIAGARA RIVER.....	24
730	NEW HOPE.....	12	786	ITALIA.....	Fr., Sp., & It.
731	SUNNY SIDE.....	12	787	GASPORT.....	24
732	EZEL.....	8	788	FORTUNE.....	25
733	BETHEL.....	8	789	WHITE FACE MOUNTAIN.....	13
734	VERITAS.....	8	790	TAHAWUS.....	15

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LIST OF LODGES, ARRANGED BY DISTRICTS, WITH LOCATION, TIME OF MEETING, NAME OF
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MASONIC DISTRICT, No. 1.

No.	Lodge.	Location.	County.	Master.	Time of Meeting.	Number of Master Masons.
60	Suffolk.....	Port Jefferson.....	Suffolk.....	Charles E. Dayton.....	Thursdays from October to May, 1st Thursdays in each month from May to Octo- ber.....	109
63	Morton.....	Hempstead.....	Queens.....	John W. DeMott.....	2d & 4th Mondays Wednesdays.....	117
849	Peconic.....	Greenport.....	Suffolk.....	William E. Shipman.....	1st & 3d Thursdays.....	123
437	Wampanomon.....	Sag Harbor.....	".....	Thomas F. Bigood.....	Mondays.....	115
433	South Side.....	Patchogue.....	".....	Emerson G. Terrell.....	2d & 4th Mondays.....	126
491	Jephtha.....	Huntington.....	Queens.....	Joseph Irwin.....	2d & 4th Wednesdays.....	69
546	Jamaica.....	Jamaica.....	".....	James S. Manning.....	Wednesdays.....	85
563	Cornucopia.....	Flushing.....	".....	Fred. P. Morris.....	Thursdays.....	125
580	Glen Cove.....	Glen Cove.....	".....	Charles J. Baldwin.....	Mondays.....	84
586	Island City.....	Long Island City.....	".....	James McKigney.....	Tuesdays.....	105
635	Advance.....	Astoria.....	".....	W. Remsen Taylor.....	Tuesdays.....	71
645	Riverhead.....	Riverhead.....	Suffolk.....	Wm. I. Chalmers.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	82
691	Meridian.....	Islip.....	".....	W. S. Velsor.....	Mondays.....	78
695	Alicoyne.....	Northport.....	".....	Wm. H. Sammis.....	2d & 4th Tuesdays.....	74
729	Anchor.....	College Point.....	Queens.....	Fred. G. Pauly.....	Tuesdays.....	37
738	Mizpah.....	Newtown.....	".....	Henry Shelton.....	2d & 4th Thursdays.....	53
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ELBRIDGE G. HOWARD, D. D. G. M.

MASONIC DISTRICT, No. 2.

No.	Lodge.	Location.	County.	Master.	Time of Meeting.	Number of Master Masons.
188	Marsh.	South 2d & 4th Streets.	Kings.	Robert Fairservice.	1st, 3d & 5th Thursdays.	99
205	Hyatt.	89 Broadway.	"	Thomas Conner.	1st, 3d & 5th Mondays.	170
284	Baltic.	South 2d & 4th Streets.	"	Lorenzo F. Tice.	2d & 4th Wednesdays.	135
354	Progressive.	Grand & 7th Streets.	"	George C. Oram.	Every Monday.	180
367	Corner Stone.	"	"	John H. Goodbody.	Every Wednesday.	229
403	Greenpoint.	Manhattan Ave.	"	William Thomas Giles.	Every Thursday.	197
430	Star of Hope.	Broadway & Boerum St.	"	Andrew Beck.	1st, 3d & 5th Mondays.	94
445	Cassia.	89 Broadway.	"	George T. Brown.	2d & 4th Thursdays.	134
446	Oltman's.	Broadway & Boerum St.	"	William Schildknecht.	1st, 3d & 5th Fridays.	117
453	Clinton.	89 Broadway.	"	Francis W. Clyde.	1st, 3d & 5th Wednesdays.	91
461	Yew Tree.	South 2d & 4th Streets.	"	Frank P. Bennett.	2d & 4th Tuesdays.	67
540	Hillgrove.	Kent & Myrtle Aves.	"	William H. James.	Every Monday.	144
618	Tyrian.	East New York.	"	William P. Acker.	2d & 4th Wednesdays.	85
636	Manual.	Grand & 7th Streets.	"	William Miller.	Every Tuesday.	127
656	Euclid.	413 Bedford Ave.	"	John G. Herold, Jr.	2d & 4th Wednesdays.	63
678	Seawanhaka.	Manhattan Ave.	"	Dewitt C. Austin.	Every Monday.	155
704	Tuscan.	Fulton & Troy Aves.	"	Thomas Islet.	2d & 4th Tuesdays.	65
710	Ridgewood.	Broadway & Ralph Ave.	"	James S. Gardner.	Every Thursday.	104
769	Anthron.	413 Bedford Ave.	"	David Gilmer.	Every Monday.	100
776	Reliance.	Manhattan Ave.	"	William H. Godfrey.	1st & 3d Tuesdays.	82
Total						2,438

CHARLES W. CARPENTER, D. D. G. M.

MASONIC DISTRICT, No. 3.

No.	Lodge.	Location. BROOKLYN.	County.	Master.	Time of Meeting.	Number of Master Masons.
19	Fortitude.....	Court & Joralemon Sts.	Kings.	George C. Gill.....	1st & 3d Thursdays.	192
56	Hohenlinden.....	304 & 306 Fulton Street.	"	William J. Beattie.....	1st & 3d Thursdays.	185
137	Anglo-Saxon.....	38 & 40 Court Street.	"	Samuel E. Weaver.....	1st & 3d Mondays.	118
201	Joppa.....	Court & Joralemon Sts.	"	John Douglas.....	Every Wednesday.	199
286	Montauk.....	38 & 40 Court Street.	"	Peter L. Schenck, M. D.....	1st & 3d Wednesdays.	110
288	Brooklyn.....	304 & 306 Fulton Street.	"	Morris D. Morley.....	2d & 4th Fridays.	193
310	Lexington.....	Court & Montague Sts.	"	John Kendall Dunn.....	Every Monday.	123
322	Star of Bethlehem.....	Court & Joralemon Sts.	"	Peter J. Bangart.....	2d & 4th Fridays.	95
361	Central.....	38 & 40 Court Street.	"	Alexander Agar.....	2d & 4th Tuesdays.	98
332	Long Island.....	Court & Montague Sts.	"	Thomas C. Morris.....	Every Thursday.	206
403	Commonwealth.....	317 Washington Street.	"	G. Frank E. Pearsall.....	Every Tuesday.	887
451	Delta.....	Court & Joralemon Sts.	"	John H. Dorsey.....	1st, 3d & 5th Tuesdays.	95
433	Zerodetha.....	306 Fulton Street.	"	William A. Bennet.....	Every Monday.	210
435	Stella.....	38 & 40 Court Street.	"	William H. Slater.....	2d & 4th Thursdays.	162
511	Kings County.....	Flatbush, L. I.....	"	William L. Keese.....	2d & 4th Wednesdays.	59
536	Nassau.....	Court & Joralemon Sts.	"	William Kenworthy.....	2d & 4th Thursdays.	144
563	Greenwood.....	Fifth Avenue & 19th St.	"	Henry Murray.....	Every Thursday.	195
574	Bedford.....	317 Washington Street.	"	Henry Drisler, Jr.....	2d & 4th Mondays.	123
585	Cosmopolitan.....	Court & Montague Sts.	"	Thomas Penney.....	Every Tuesday.	151
601	Altair.....	38 & 40 Court Street.	"	Edward W. Masord.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.	162
638	Crystal Wave.....	317 Washington Street.	"	Nathaniel W. Kendall.....	1st & 3d Thursdays.	185
640	Adytum.....	306 Fulton Street.	"	Charles K. Myers.....	2d & 4th Tuesdays.	54
647	Mistletoe.....	317 Washington Street.	"	George E. Mott.....	1st & 3d Mondays.	98
692	Cambridge.....	Court & Joralemon Sts.	"	Henry Biggart.....	2d, 4th & 5th Mondays.	70
717	Orion.....	264 Flatbush Avenue.	"	Edward C. Barnum.....	Every Monday.	54
719	Acanthus.....	Bedford Av. & Fulton St.	"	Marion Grimes.....	1st & 3d Mondays.	78
732	Ezel.....	157 Adolph Street.	"	Herbert T. Ketcham.....	1st, 3d & 5th Mondays.	98
747	Sanctum.....	Court & Union Streets.	"	William H. Brown.....	Every Friday.	94
756	Aurora Grata.....	306 Fulton Street.	"	Jonathan Bennett.....	2d & 4th Wednesdays.	108
758	Covenant.....	317 Washington Street.	"	Lester W. Beasley.....	1st & 3d Wednesdays.	108
Total.....						4,048

SYDNEY F. WALKER, D. D. G. M.

MASONIC DISTRICT, No. 4.

No.	Lodge.	Location. NEW YORK CITY.	County.	Master.	Time of Meeting.	Number of Master Masons.
1	St. John's.....	Masonic Hall.....	New York.....	Wm. H. McDougall.....	2d & 4th Thursdays.....	123
2	Independent Royal Arch.....	".....	".....	Edmund S. Whitman.....	3d Thursday.....	90
8	Holland.....	".....	".....	Lewis H. Brown.....	2d & 4th Tuesdays.....	209
11	Lodge of Antiquity.....	".....	".....	Adolph C. Wolf.....	2d & 4th Thursdays.....	86
16	Prince of Orange.....	".....	".....	Lewis H. Raymond.....	2d & 4th Saturdays.....	55
20	Pioneer.....	7th Street & Third Ave.....	".....	John W. Rowan.....	1st, 3d & 5th Mondays.....	95
21	Washington.....	289 Bleeker Street.....	".....	Irving Hazelton.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	65
23	Adelphi.....	Masonic Hall.....	".....	David Rosenheim.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	181
26	Albion.....	".....	".....	John Stewart.....	1st & 3d Wednesdays.....	79
27	Mount Moriah.....	German Temple.....	".....	Samuel Prince.....	2d & 4th Wednesdays.....	97
28	Benevolent.....	".....	".....	Henry C. Cooper.....	1st, 3d & 5th Mondays.....	100
30	Dirigo.....	25t St. & Sixth Ave.....	".....	Aaron Morris.....	2d & 4th Wednesdays.....	116
31	Mechanic.....	Bowery & Rivington St.....	".....	William W. Freeman.....	1st, 3d & 5th Mondays.....	50
35	Howard.....	Masonic Hall.....	".....	Geo. H. Fitz Wilson.....	2d & 4th Tuesdays.....	105
50	Concord.....	Grand Opera House.....	".....	Harvey Benjamin.....	2d & 4th Fridays.....	100
62	Manhattan.....	Masonic Hall.....	".....	Zachary T. Sailer.....	1st & 3d Fridays.....	259
64	Lafayette.....	".....	".....	Robert J. Black.....	2d & 4th Mondays.....	156
67	Mariners.....	German Temple.....	".....	Robert J. Poynter.....	1st & 3d Mondays.....	104
68	Montgomery.....	Masonic Hall.....	".....	Willard P. Wooster.....	1st & 3d Mondays.....	195
69	Naval.....	".....	".....	Washington Mullin.....	1st & 3d Mondays.....	125
70	John Hancock.....	".....	".....	Emil L. Pfahler.....	2d & 4th Wednesdays.....	75
94	Lodge of Strict Observ.....	Bowery & Rivington St.....	".....	Levi Gibb.....	2d & 4th Wednesdays.....	84
106	Manitou.....	57th Street & Third Ave.....	".....	Geo. E. Marks.....	2d & 4th Tuesdays.....	75
156	Ocean.....	Masonic Hall.....	".....	Henry C. Boniface.....	2d & 4th Mondays.....	75
		Grand Opera House.....	".....		2d & 4th Thursdays.....	
Total.....						2,699

JOHN STEWART, D. D. G. M.

MASONIC DISTRICT, No. 5.

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No.	Lodge.	Location. NEW YORK CITY.	County.	Master.	Time of Meeting.	Number of Master Masons.
178	Atlantic.....	Masonic Hall.....	New York.....	Andrew J. Clute.....	1st & 3d Mondays.....	162
185	Independent.....	220 E. 15th St.....	".....	Arthur Flecknoe.....	1st & 3d Mondays.....	135
187	Darcy.....	".....	".....	Wm. H. Cranston.....	2d & 4th Mondays.....	100
190	Munn.....	Masonic Hall.....	".....	Samuel A. Harwood, Sr.....	2d & 4th Thursdays.....	83
191	Lebanon.....	Cor. 14th St. & 4th Ave.....	".....	John M. Elliott.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	128
194	Platt.....	".....	".....	George McAlear.....	1st & 3d Thursdays.....	82
195	Excelsior.....	".....	".....	Stewart R. Bradburn.....	2d & 4th Mondays.....	127
197	York.....	".....	".....	John W. Keeler.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	138
198	Silents.....	".....	".....	Thomas I. McCleave.....	1st & 3d Wednesdays.....	106
203	Templar.....	Rowery cr. Rivington St.....	".....	Charles N. Jones.....	1st, 3d & 5th Fridays.....	117
204	Palestine.....	161 8th Ave., cor. 18th St.....	".....	Robert Hyalop.....	2d & 4th Thursdays.....	91
206	Empire City.....	7th St. & Third Avenue.....	".....	Morris Brill.....	1st & 3d Wednesdays.....	204
207	United States.....	Masonic Hall.....	".....	James C. Baldwin.....	1st & 3d Mondays.....	97
208	Cyrus.....	23d St. & Eighth Ave.....	".....	John Lucas.....	1st & 3d Mondays.....	89
209	National.....	Masonic Hall.....	".....	James B. Canniff.....	2d & 4th Fridays.....	135
210	Worth.....	220 East Fifteenth St.....	".....	John W. Timson.....	2d & 4th Mondays.....	101
227	Eastern Star.....	7th St. & Third Ave.....	".....	Benjamin Hawkins.....	1st, 3d & 5th Wednesdays.....	72
228	Enterprise.....	23d St. & Eighth Ave.....	".....	Chas. G. Burrell, Sr.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	111
233	Pacific.....	Masonic Hall.....	".....	Wm. Johnson.....	1st & 3d Thursdays.....	109
235	Keystone.....	220 E. 15th St.....	".....	Joseph L. Michell.....	1st & 3d Fridays.....	107
241	Constitution.....	Masonic Hall.....	".....	Wm. Townsend.....	2d & 4th Tuesdays.....	157
243	Eureka.....	".....	".....	George Baker.....	1st & 3d Mondays.....	123
244	Hope.....	".....	".....	Samuel J. Campbell.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	181
245	Polar Star.....	220 E. 15th St.....	".....	Samuel Holmes.....	1st & 3d Wednesdays.....	247
246	Arctura.....	Masonic Hall.....	".....	J. Edmund Banks.....	2d & 4th Tuesdays.....	64
249	Charter Oak.....	220 E. 15th St.....	".....	Charles E. Howard.....	2d & 4th Fridays.....	91
250	John D. Willard.....	23d St. & 8th Ave.....	".....	Wm. M. White.....	1st & 3d Wednesdays.....	118
257	Mount Nebah.....	57th St. & 3d Ave.....	".....	Bernard Roth.....	2d & 4th Mondays.....	298
271	Chancellor Walworth.....	Masonic Hall.....	".....	Wright D. Pownall.....	1st, 3d & 5th Thursdays.....	156
Total.....						3,803

EPHRAIM W. RICHARDSON, D. D. G. M.

MASONIC DISTRICT, No. 6.

No.	Lodges.	Location. NEW YORK CITY.	County.	Master.	Time of Meeting.	Number of Master Masons.
272	Mystic Tie.....	N.E. cor. 3d Ave. & 7th St	New York	James A. Westerfield.....	1st, 3d, & 5th Tuesdays.....	67
273	Metropolitan.....	Masonic Hall.....	"	Louis Stamper.....	2d & 4th Thursdays.....	97
274	Archurus.....	S.E. cor. 3d Ave. & 86th St	"	John E. Wangler.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	86
275	Sylvan Grove.....	Masonic Hall.....	"	Richard Kirby.....	2d & 4th Tuesdays.....	129
277	Henry Clay.....	No. 2 Rivington Street.	"	Gerald McLaughlin.....	1st & 3d Wednesdays.....	88
278	Marion.....	West Farms, N. Y. City	"	George Street.....	1st & 3d Mondays.....	43
280	Doric.....	N.E. cor. 3d Ave. & 7th St	"	James W. Eley.....	2d & 4th Fridays.....	155
285	George Washington.....	"	"	Adolphus D. Pape.....	1st, 3d, & 5th Fridays.....	94
287	Continental.....	"	"	Simon J. Morfieri.....	3d Wednesdays.....	117
316	Atlas.....	Masonic Hall.....	"	Benjamin A. Clooney.....	1st & 3d Fridays.....	221
317	Neptune.....	N.E. cor. 3d Ave. & 57th St	"	Daniel Sullivan.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	65
321	St. Nicholas.....	Masonic Hall.....	"	N. Louis Tunis.....	2d & 4th Wednesdays.....	113
323	Amity.....	"	"	Joseph Souza.....	2d & 4th Thursdays.....	129
327	Acacia.....	"	"	Howell Vail.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	95
329	Zerubbabel.....	Ger. Masonic Temple.....	"	Solomon Littenberg.....	2d & 4th Tuesdays.....	114
330	New York.....	Masonic Hall.....	"	John Jay Griffin.....	1st & 3d Wednesdays.....	273
338	Putnam.....	"	"	John Prentice.....	1st & 3d Fridays.....	149
339	Puritan.....	"	"	Alfred B. Haynes.....	1st & 3d Wednesdays.....	159
342	Lily.....	North 3d Ave. & 169th St	"	Alfred Jackson.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	89
348	Adelphic.....	Masonic Hall.....	"	Philip C. Benjamin.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	108
371	Sagamore.....	"	"	William H. Andrews.....	1st & 3d Wednesdays.....	73
402	Crescent.....	"	"	William H. Francis.....	2d & 4th Thursdays.....	198
408	City.....	"	"	Henry Müller.....	2d & 4th Mondays.....	117
418	Mosaic.....	"	"	Samuel B. Peakman.....	1st & 3d Wednesdays.....	151
447	Franklin.....	N.E. cor. 2d Ave. & 1st St	"	George W. Marks.....	1st & 3d Mondays.....	111
449	Hiram.....	Masonic Hall.....	"	Henry Stengal.....	1st & 3d Fridays.....	90
454	Kane.....	"	"	Joseph J. Little.....	1st, 3d, & 5th Tuesdays.....	307
Total.....						3,427

EDWARD F. HASSEY, D. D. G. M.

MASONIC DISTRICT, No. 7.

No.	Lodge.	Location. NEW YORK CITY.	County.	Master.	Time of Meeting.	Number of Master Masons.
457	Harlem.....	130th St. & 3d Ave.....	New York.....	Stephen Cramer.....	June and Sept., 1st & 3d Thursdays; October 1st to May 31st, every Thursday.	157
457	Greenwich.....	23d St. & Eighth Av.....	"	Ralph Mayers.....	2d & 4th Fridays.....	119
464	Columbian.....	220 East 15th St.....	"	Willard H. Bradley.....	1st & 3d Fridays.....	158
486	Lonic.....	295 Bowery.....	"	Robert Riely, Sr.....	2d & 4th & altern. 5th Thurs.	82
487	Tecumseh.....	7th St and 3d Ave.....	"	William Kemble Hall.....	1st & 3d Thursdays.....	83
488	Corinthian.....	Masonic Hall.....	"	Oscar G. Ahlstrom.....	2d & 4th Thursdays.....	155
489	Manahatta.....	Bowery & Rivington St.	"	August Sundmacker.....	2d & 4th Wednesdays.....	40
490	Pyramid.....	161 Eighth Ave.....	"	William Hall.....	2d & 4th Thursdays.....	259
516	Park.....	341 West 47th St.....	"	George W. Cregier.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	208
519	Architect.....	N. E. c. 86th St. & 3d Av.	"	Norman L. Niver.....	2d & 4th Wednesdays.....	165
523	Normal.....	Masonic Hall.....	"	John W. Nalmsmith.....	2d & 4th Mondays.....	79
528	Monitor.....	220 East 15th St.....	"	Giles Rae.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	98
535	Americus.....	Masonic Hall.....	"	Joseph W. Beasley.....	1st & 3d Thursdays.....	161
537	Gramercy.....	"	"	Charles P. Kettlerer.....	2d & 4th Wednesdays.....	96
555	Guiding Star.....	177th St. and 4th Ave.....	"	Richard Hillman.....	2d & 4th Tuesdays.....	50
568	St. Oecle.....	Masonic Hall.....	"	Allan Latham.....	1st, 3d & 5th Tues. 1.30 P. M.	133
568	Globe.....	"	"	James C. Hueston.....	2d & 4th Saturdays.....	45
598	Tabernacle.....	23d St. and 8th Ave.....	"	William J. Crow.....	1st & 3d Thursdays.....	85
600	Evangelist.....	278 Bleecker St.....	"	John V. B. Green.....	Every Tuesday.....	129
603	Astor.....	Masonic Hall.....	"	Theodore H. Tilton.....	2d & 4th Thursdays.....	55
604	Perfect Ashlar.....	220 East 15th St.....	"	John B. Hunter.....	1st & 3d Thursdays.....	77
610	Ivanhoe.....	Masonic Hall.....	"	Augustus J. Rollé.....	1st Wednesday.....	66
628	Citizens.....	"	"	Edward P. Wilder.....	2d & 4th Fridays.....	94
631	Girard.....	"	"	Charles H. Luscomb.....	1st Friday.....	79
632	Prudence.....	220 East 15th St.....	"	John H. Conway.....	2d & 4th Fridays.....	190
634	Scotia.....	Masonic Hall.....	"	Peter Ross.....	1st & 3d Thursdays.....	179
641	Copestone.....	"	"	John H. Grant.....	2d & 4th Wednesdays.....	169
Total.....						3,196

THEODORE H. TILTON, D. D. G. M.

MASONIC DISTRICT, No. 8.

No.	Lodge.	Location. NEW YORK CITY.	County.	Master.	Time of Meeting.	Number of Master Masons.
642	Knickerbocker.	Masonic Hall.	New York.	Thomas J. Donigan.	2d & 4th Tuesdays	108
643	Daniel Carpenter.	33 Union Square.	"	Archibald Culbert.	2d & 4th Thursdays.	149
651	True Craftsman.	117 West 23d Street.	"	Joshua Kantrowitz.	2d & 4th Wednesdays.	153
654	Emanuel.	"	"	Gustave Baum.	2d & 4th Thursdays.	156
655	Bunting.	Third Ave. & 124th St.	"	Harry C. Harney.	1st & 3d Mondays.	77
657	Livingston.	Masonic Hall.	"	Joseph M. Purdy.	1st & 3d Fridays.	100
690	Republic.	"	"	Benjamin C. Williams.	1st & 3d Mondays.	171
703	Gavel.	614 E. 145th St.	"	Robert Edwards.	1st & 3d Fridays.	59
709	Merchants.	Masonic Hall.	"	J. Blake White.	1st & 3d Thursdays.	59
721	Ancient.	"	"	Edward S. Post.	2d & 4th Tuesdays.	144
727	Charity.	Boulevard & West 74th Street.	"	Thomas Beck.	1st & 3d Fridays.	74
728	Alma.	Third Ave. & 57th St.	"	George H. Toop.	2d & 4th Thursdays.	70
733	Bethel.	Eighth Ave. & 23d St.	"	Augustus C. Baxter.	1st & 3d Thursdays.	78
734	Veritas.	"	"	Denis Redmond.	2d & 4th Tuesdays.	63
739	Radiant.	Ger. Masonic Temple.	"	Philip E. Herrlich.	1st & 3d Saturdays.	86
742	Star of Cuba.	57 West 25th St.	"	Eduardo Ester.	1st & 3d Tuesdays.	39
743	Maimonides.	Rivington St. & Bowery	"	Gustave Kobler.	1st & 3d Tuesdays.	95
744	Pentapolis.	57 West 25th St.	"	Charles A. Taylor.	1st & 3d Fridays.	46
745	Sunveant.	Third Ave. & 7th Street.	"	Isaac Wood.	2d & 4th Wednesdays.	105
746	Roome.	Masonic Hall.	"	James W. Godfrey.	1st & 3d Mondays.	71
750	Shakespeare.	"	"	Louis Harlan.	1st & 3d Thursdays.	114
753	Naphthali.	"	"	Edwin Strait.	3d Fridays.	69
753	Justice.	Eighth Ave. & 23d St.	"	George H. Sherman.	2d & 4th Wednesdays.	87
763	Centennial.	Masonic Hall.	"	Emanuel Marx.	2d & 4th Tuesdays.	125
770	Golden Rule.	Third Ave. & 130th St.	"	Sidney J. H. Howes.	1st & 3d Wednesdays.	93
Total.						2,386

JOHN K. REED, D. D. & G. M.

No.	Lodge.	Location.	County.	Master.	Time of Meeting.	Number of Master Masons.
32	Warren.....	Schultzville.....	Dutchess.....	John D. Alley.....	Thursdays on or preceding full moon, and 3d Saturday following.....	56.
34	Courtlandt.....	Peekskill.....	Westchester.....	George W. Robertson.....	Every Thursday evening.....	113
180	Westchester.....	Sing Sing.....	".....	Smith Lent.....	2d & 4th Mondays.....	118
196	Solomon's.....	Tarrytown.....	".....	Thomas Kawcliffe.....	Every Thursday evening.....	85
236	Philapstown.....	Cold Spring.....	Putnam.....	Ellis H. Timm.....	1st & 3d Thursdays.....	88
266	Poughkeepsie.....	Poughkeepsie.....	Dutchess.....	Peter Hulme.....	1st & 3d Mondays, except July and August.....	162
283	Beacon.....	Mattewan.....	".....	Frank H. Hanson.....	1st, 3d, & 5th Tuesdays.....	106
368	Croton.....	Brewsters.....	Putnam.....	Leonard H. Secor.....	Wednesday of or preceding full moon, and two weeks thereafter.....	136
874	Monumental.....	Madalin.....	Dutchess.....	Frederick Obermeyer.....	1st & 3d Wednesdays.....	45
432	Rhinebeck.....	Rhinebeck.....	".....	A. Lee Wager.....	Friday Evenings.....	80
434	Hiawatha.....	Mount Vernon.....	Westchester.....	Franklin T. Davis.....	2d & 4th Wednesday even'gs.....	117
448	Huguenot.....	New Rochelle.....	".....	John H. Hurmer.....	1st & 3d Fridays.....	81
450	Rising Star.....	Yonkers.....	".....	John E. Murphy.....	2d & 4th Wednesdays.....	121
458	Shekomoko.....	Washington Hollow.....	Dutchess.....	Henry Shaw.....	Alternate Saturdays.....	78
473	White Plains.....	White Plains.....	Westchester.....	John M. Rowel.....	1st & 3d Wednesdays.....	46
480	Weotack.....	Millerton.....	Dutchess.....	Michael Rowe.....	Alternate Fridays.....	57
492	Wyoming.....	Westchester.....	Westchester.....	William J. McDermott.....	1st & 3d Thursdays.....	30
635	Diamond.....	Dobb's Ferry.....	".....	John McLave.....	Every Friday Evening.....	49
586	Hopewell.....	Hopewell Junction.....	Dutchess.....	Lewis B. Freeman.....	2d & 4th Saturdays.....	55
615	Stiesing.....	Fine Plains.....	".....	Charles S. Wilber.....	2d & 4th Fridays.....	59
653	Mamaro.....	Port Chester.....	Westchester.....	Stanton L. Hall.....	2d & 4th Mondays.....	51
666	Dover.....	Dover Plains.....	Dutchess.....	Thomas Hammond.....	Thursdays alternately.....	112
671	Wappinger's.....	Wappinger's Falls.....	".....	John Hunter.....	1st & 3d Mondays.....	80
672	Amenia.....	Amenia.....	".....	Ira E. Wilbur.....	2d & 4th Tuesdays.....	50
702	Marble.....	Tuckahoe.....	Westchester.....	Robert A. Johnston.....	1st & 3d Mondays.....	37
708	Kisco.....	Mount Kisco.....	".....	C. Elliott Spencer.....	1st, 3d, & 5th Fridays.....	88
712	Pelham.....	City Island.....	".....	Jerome Bell.....	Every Tuesday Evening.....	45
736	Nepperhan.....	Yonkers.....	".....	Moosa D. Getty.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	34
782	Trine.....	Poughkeepsie.....	Dutchess.....	Charles D. Johnson.....	2d & 4th Wednesdays.....	53
Total.....						2,231

WM. MORGAN LEE, D. D. G. M.

MASONIC DISTRICT, No. 10.

No.	Lodge.	Location.	County.	Master.	Time of Meeting.	Number of Master Masons.
10	Kingston.....	Kingston.....	Ulster.....	Hyman Rosa.....	Tuesday Evenings.....	279
198	Ulster.....	Saugerties.....	".....	Samuel Cohen.....	Wednesday Evenings.....	133
309	Newburgh.....	Newburgh.....	Orange.....	Jonathan D. Wilson.....	2d & 4th Wednesdays.....	132
313	Stony Point.....	Haverstraw.....	Rockland.....	John D. Norris.....	Wednesday Evenings.....	123
315	Wawayanda.....	Piermont.....	".....	Elbert G. Cook.....	1st & 3d Fridays.....	59
328	Port Jervis.....	Port Jervis.....	Orange.....	Louis M. Tonlon.....	2d & 4th Fridays.....	234
343	Rondout.....	Rondout.....	Ulster.....	John B. Alliger.....	Monday Evenings.....	243
365	Goshen.....	Goshen.....	Orange.....	Charles E. Wright.....	1st & 3d Mondays.....	49
412	Hoffman.....	Middletown.....	".....	Samuel G. Beyea.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	181
521	Callicoon.....	Callicoon.....	Sullivan.....	Henry Kreutrich.....	Saturday on or before full moon.....	84
532	Monticello.....	Monticello.....	".....	Wm. B. Niven.....	2d & 4th Fridays.....	40
544	Warwick.....	Warwick.....	Orange.....	John McWilliams.....	2d & 4th Tuesdays.....	93
*561	Delaware.....	Cochecton.....	Sullivan.....	Willmot Appley.....	1st & 3d Fridays.....	56
562	Wawarsing.....	Ellenville.....	Ulster.....	John J. Cline.....	Wednesday Evenings.....	181
589	Ramapo.....	Snifers.....	Rockland.....	Henry R. Sloat.....	1st, 3d & 5th Tuesdays.....	76
607	Hudson River.....	Newburgh.....	Orange.....	Gilbert E. Jacobs.....	1st, 3d & 5th Wednesdays.....	150
627	Wallkill.....	Walden.....	".....	Charles D. Wooley.....	1st & 3d Wednesdays.....	69
711	Standard.....	Monroe.....	".....	Stephen B. Heaton.....	2d & 4th Mondays.....	53
718	Adonai.....	Highland.....	Ulster.....	James M. Wilkins.....	2d & 4th Mondays.....	65
721	Jerusalem Temple.....	Cornwall-on-Hudson.....	Orange.....	George W. Scott.....	Thursday Evenings.....	75
723	Rockland.....	Nyack.....	Rockland.....	James E. Smith.....	2d & 4th Wednesdays.....	86
Total.....						2,461

*Have had no election. Officers of 1884 holding over.

OSCAR L. EASTMAN, D. D. G. M.

MASONIC DISTRICT, No. 11.

189.

No.	Lodge.	Location.	County.	Master.	Time of Meeting.	Number of Master Masons.
48 Ark.	Corsackie.	Greene.	Samuel C. Bennett.	1st, 3d & 5th Mondays.	110
119 Oasis.	Prattville.	"	Malden G. Marsh.	June 1st to Oct. 1st, 2d & 4th Saturdays; Oct. 1st to June 1st, every Saturday.	70
289 St. Andrew's.	Hobart.	Delaware.	Peter Herron, Jr.	1st & 3d Saturdays.	60
389 Margaretville	Margaretville	"	Julius G. Smith.	2d & 4th Tuesdays.	52
394 Cobleskill	Cobleskill	Schoharie.	Henry Bellinger	1st & 3d Mondays.	140
427 Cascade	Oak Hill.	Greene.	Hiram Alger.	1st & 3d Tuesdays.	94
439 Delhi.	Delhi.	Delaware.	Frank L. Norton.	1st & 3d Thursdays.	80
461 Downsville.	Downsville.	"	Perry L. Purdy.	2d & 4th Saturdays.	65
468 Catskill.	Catskill.	Greene.	Abram P. Kenley.	Every Thursday.	122
491 Schoharie Valley	Schoharie.	Schoharie.	Henry F. Kingsley.	1st & 3d Fridays.	124
529 Mountain	Windham	Greene.	Josiah C. Tallmadge.	Every Saturday.	72
552 Hancock	Hancock.	Delaware.	E. Walker Griffiths.	1st & 3d Saturdays.	70
554 Working	Jefferson.	Schoharie.	Charles E. Baird.	Every Saturday.	56
557 James M. Austin	Greenville.	Greene.	Alfred Steadman.	2d, 4th & 5th Saturdays.	81
559 Walton	Walton	Delaware.	Matthew W. Marvin.	1st & 3d Thursdays.	67
562 Franklin	Franklin.	"	Hiram Edgerton.	Every Wednesday.	53
571 Coeur de Lion	Roxbury.	"	John J. Kestor.	Every Tuesday.	50
606 Masonville.	Masonville.	"	Marshall B. Bryant.	1st & 2d Saturdays.	30
624 Sharon Springs	Sharon Springs.	Schoharie.	James W. Harper.	Alternate Saturdays.	63
630 Gilboa.	Gilboa.	"	Kellogg Crowell.	1st & 3d Saturdays.	55
663 Middleburgh.	Middleburgh.	"	George S. Lynes.	2d & 4th Fridays.	111
693 Kedemah.	Cairo.	Greene.	Reuben W. Greene.	1st & 3d Saturdays.	46
741 Social Friendship	New Baltimore.	"	John H. Hotaling.	1st, 3d & 5th Fridays.	69
Total.						1,740

LEONARD B. CORNELL, D. D. M. G.

MASONIC DISTRICT, No. 12.

No.	Lodge.	Location.	County.	Master.	Time of Meeting.	Number of Master Masons.
3	Mount Vernon	Albany	Albany	Charles E. Shelley	1st & 3d Mondays	206
5	Masters	"	"	John H. Quinby	2d & 4th Mondays	179
6	St George's	Schenectady	Schenectady	T. Low Barrydt	2d & 4th Thursdays	237
7	Hudson	Hudson	Columbia	Samuel G. Rowles	1st & 3d Wednesdays	145
9	Unity	Lebanon Springs	"	John G. Field	1st & 3d Tuesdays	46
13	Apollo	Troy	Rensselaer	Nelson Gillette	Tuesday Evenings	413
14	Temple	Albany	Albany	Reuben D. Clark	1st & 3d Tuesdays	885
18	Phoenix	Lansingburgh	Rensselaer	Friend W. Esmond	1st & 3d Thursdays	155
75	Evening Star	West Troy	Albany	John McDonald	Tuesday Evenings	137
85	Washington	Albany	"	Alfred D. Brink	2d & 4th Thursdays	129
87	Schodack Union	East Schodack	Rensselaer	John W. Lowree	1st Thursday preceding full moon	45
91	King Solomon's Prim	Troy	"	Charles M. Austin	Every Thursday	364
98	Columbia	Chatham	Columbia	Perry C. Miller	1st & 3d Fridays	134
116	Cohoes	Cohoes	Albany	Chas. F. Doyle	1st & 3d Wednesdays	160
311	Mount Zion	Troy	Rensselaer	Chas. E. Wilson	Every Monday	267
335	Widow's Son	Livingston	Columbia	David S. Proper	1st Thursday preceding full moon	76
337	Greenbush	Greenbush	Rensselaer	Ephraim C. Crocker	1st & 3d Fridays	180
355	Jerusalem	Lansingburgh	"	Isaac G. Flack	1st & 3d Mondays	122
363	Valatie	Valatie	Columbia	Henry Kirchner	1st & 3d Tuesdays	64
400	Van Rensselaer	Hoosick Falls	Rensselaer	James E. Estabrook	1st & 3d Tuesdays	184
417	Wadsworth	Albany	Albany	Wm. H. McNaughton	2d & 4th Wednesdays	196
452	Ancient City	"	"	John L. Godley	1st & 3d Wednesdays	250
509	Lindenwald	Stuyvesant Falls	Columbia	Stephen Haskins	Saturday Evenings	51
612	Hilldale	Hilldale	Columbia	Platt Rogers	1st & 3d Thursdays	75
670	Star	Petersburgh	Rensselaer	Edwin Crawford	1st & 3d Mondays	43
674	Gratitude	Nassau	"	C. S. Wheeler	1st & 3d Wednesdays	64
680	Victor	Schaghticoke	"	Edwin Burlingame	1st & 3d Saturdays	113
684	Berne	East Berne	Albany	Ellias Warner	1st & 3d Saturdays	61
700	Aquila	Hudson	Columbia	William Bostwick	2d & 4th Wednesdays	147
730	New Hope	Schenectady	Schenectady	Charles Baum	2d & 4th Tuesdays	53
731	Sunny Side	Castleton	Rensselaer	Frank P. Harder	2d & 4th Tuesdays	67
787	Guttenberg	Albany	Albany	John Stander	1st Thursday	93
754	Noah	Knowersville	"	Conrad H. Crounse	2d & 4th Saturdays except July and August	75
Total						4,816

No.	Lodge.	Location.	County.	Master.	Time of Meeting.	Number of Master Masons.
22	St. John's	Greenfield Centre	Saratoga	Albert G. Wing	1st & 3d Wednesdays	42
55	Granville	Granville	Washington	Safford Reynolds	1st & 3d Wednesdays	53
90	Franklin	Ballston Spa	Saratoga	David Frisbie, Jr.	1st & 3d Thursdays	123
96	Phoenix	Whitehall	Washington	Thomas A. Paterson	1st Tuesdays May to Nov.	109
103	Rising Sun	Saratoga Springs	Saratoga	J. M. Colcord	every Tuesday bal. of year.	117
121	Glen's Falls	Glen's Falls	Warren	William Higgins	1st & 3d Mondays	68
140	Clinton	Waterford	Saratoga	George L. Rogers	1st & 3d Wednesdays	166
142	Morning Sun	Port Henry	Essex	Charles A. Hopper	1st & 3d Thursdays, June, July & Aug. subject to call.	82
149	An Sable River	Keeseville	"	George C. Wilkinson	1st & 3d Tuesdays	107
259	Sisco	Westport	"	Henry J. Stone	1st & 3d Thursdays	25
260	Mount Hope	Fort Ann	Washington	J. Quincy Ashley	Thursdays Dec. to May, balance of year 1st Thursdays	54
267	Fort Edward	Fort Edward	"	Daniel W. Murdock	1st & 3d Mondays	81
372	Sandy Hill	Sandy Hill	"	Solomon H. Parks	1st & 3d Tuesdays	51
391	Salem	Salem	"	Robert M. Stevenson	1st & 3d Tuesdays	76
398	Home	Northumberland	Saratoga	Abram G. Rogers	Wednesdays prec'g full moon	93
425	Warrensburgh	Warrensburgh	Warren	John G. Smith	1st & 3d Saturdays	130
456	Senate	Glen's Falls	"	Alfred C. Farlin	1st & 3d Tuesdays	60
481	Cambridge Valley	Cambridge	Washington	Darwin E. Whitcomb	2d & 4th Mondays	79
497	Glendale	Pottersville	Warren	J. Freeman Wells	2d & 4th Saturdays	55
504	Montgomery	Stillwater	Saratoga	Geo. P. H. Taylor	2d & 4th Saturdays	85
508	Herschel	Hartford	Washington	Thomas A. Brayton	1st, 3d & 5th Mondays	68
567	Argyle	Argyle	"	James K. Henry	1st & 3d Wednesdays	26
584	Ashlar	Greenwich	"	Allen Stewart	1st, 3d & 5th Mondays	66
602	Adirondack	Elizabethtown	Essex	Aved K. Dudley	2d & 4th Tuesdays	77
676	Schuyler	Schuylerstown	Saratoga	Henry Shaw	2d & 4th Tuesdays	47
715	Iroquois	Schuylerstown	Essex	Charles J. Merriam	1st & 3d Tuesdays	14
772	Rescue	Crown Point	"	Sylvanus Taylor	2d & 4th Tuesdays	55
789	Whiteface Mountain	Bloomington	"	Richard H. McIntyre	2d & 4th Wednesdays	20
Total						1,968

JOHN W. WHITEHEAD, D. D. G. M.

MASONIC DISTRICT, NO. 14.

No.	Lodge.	Location.	County.	Master.	Time of Meeting.	Number of Master Masons.
4	St. Patrick's	Johnstown	Fulton	Andrew J. Nellis	1st & 3d Thursdays	120
40	Olive Branch	Frankfort	Herkimer	William I. Piper	2d & 4th Tuesdays	88
79	Hamilton	Catsjoharie	Montgomery	John Parr	1st & 3d "	64
84	Artisan	Amsterdam	"	William Putman	"	183
181	Little Falls	Little Falls	Herkimer	Charles D. Fenton	2d & 4th "	140
270	Mohawk Valley	Mohawk	"	Charles Tucker	2d & 4th Fridays	110
298	Fish House	Northampton	Fulton	Charles M. Sumner	1st & 3d Wednesdays	89
300	Garoga	Rockwood	"	Thomas Bradley	"	67
423	Herkimer	Herkimer	Herkimer	J. Horatio Huyck	"	94
429	Gloversville	Gloversville	Fulton	Cyrus Stewart	1st & 3d Tuesdays	139
433	Fort Plain	Fort Plain	Montgomery	Worthington S. Farley	2d & 4th Saturdays	130
455	Newport	Newport	Herkimer	Thomas E. Merritt	1st & 3d "	142
531	Fultonville	Fultonville	Montgomery	Edward S. Johnson	1st & 3d Wednesdays	90
581	Winfield	West Winfield	"	George S. Slade	1st & 3d Saturdays	69
591	Ilion	Ilion	"	Delevan G. Ross	1st & 3d Mondays	299
599	Kennavetto	Broadalbin	Fulton	James P. Ross	2d & 4th "	25
611	St. Johnsville	St. Johnsville	Montgomery	De Witt C. Smith	1st & 3d Thursdays	66
Total.....						1,820

LEE S. ANTBAL, D. D. G. M.

No.	Lodge.	Location.	County.	Master.	Time of Meeting.	Number of Master Masons.
107	North Star.....	Motra.....	Franklin.....	John C. Jamieson.....	2d & 4th Wednesdays.....	86
111	St. Lawrence.....	Canton.....	St. Lawrence.....	Harvey W. S. Knox.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	128
128	Ogdensburgh.....	Ogdensburgh.....	".....	James H. Gracey.....	2d & 4th Mondays.....	161
155	Clinton.....	Plattsburgh.....	Clinton.....	William B. Mooers.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	116
213	Backet River.....	Potsdam.....	St. Lawrence.....	Martin V. B. Ives.....	1st & 3d Thursdays.....	78
216	Franklin.....	Westville Centre.....	Franklin.....	John S. Rowley.....	1st & 3d Thursdays.....	18
217	Gouverneur.....	Gouverneur.....	St. Lawrence.....	Henry L. Conklin.....	1st & 3d Mondays.....	98
237	Champlain.....	Champlain.....	Clinton.....	Emerson I. Lord.....	1st & 3d Wednesdays.....	41
291	Nor. Constellation.....	Malone.....	Franklin.....	James Brown.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	133
319	Black Lake.....	Brier Hill.....	St. Lawrence.....	Arthur W. Gregory.....	Tuesdays full moon, and 2 weeks after.....	65
383	Aurora.....	Fort Covington.....	Franklin.....	Thomas W. Fraser.....	1st & 3d Wednesdays.....	41
393	Waddington.....	Waddington.....	St. Lawrence.....	Silas J. Bower.....	1st & 3d Mondays.....	40
395	Amber.....	Parishville.....	".....	Royal Newton.....	Tuesdays on or before full moon, and two weeks after.....	46
428	High Falls.....	Colton.....	".....	Luke B. Casey.....	1st & 3d Fridays.....	68
477	Wildwood.....	Edwards.....	".....	Ira C. Miles.....	Tuesday of week of full moon and two weeks after.....	49
499	Deer River.....	North Lawrence.....	".....	L. J. Witherill.....	1st & 3d Wednesdays.....	24
500	Hermion.....	Hermion.....	".....	Frank W. Craig.....	1st & 3d ".....	59
505	Northern Light.....	West Chazy.....	Clinton.....	Willis T. Honainger.....	1st & 3d Fridays.....	58
513	Massena.....	Massena.....	St. Lawrence.....	J. W. Webb.....	2d & 4th Tuesdays.....	52
517	Frontier.....	Chateaugay.....	Franklin.....	Don E. Seabury.....	1st & 3d Wednesdays.....	51
541	Brasher.....	Brasher Falls.....	St. Lawrence.....	Amos A. Baldwin.....	1st & 3d Mondays.....	21
556	North Bangor.....	North Bangor.....	Franklin.....	Chas. T. Eldred.....	2d & last Saturdays.....	57
566	Russell.....	Russell.....	St. Lawrence.....	P. G. Carr.....	Tuesdays full moon, and two weeks after.....	52
572	Mount Hermon.....	Ellenburgh.....	Clinton.....	John W. Havens.....	2d & 4th Wednesdays.....	63
573	Depeyster.....	Depeyster.....	St. Lawrence.....	Thomas Dorgan.....	1st & 3d ".....	74
577	Elk.....	Nicholville.....	".....	Charles H. Babcock.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	77
633	Richville.....	Richville.....	".....	Horace White.....	Tuesday next preceding Dec. 27 & every 2d Tuesday after.....	49
687	Oswegatchie.....	Fine.....	".....	Archibald Miner.....	Wednesday of full moon and 2 weeks after.....	19
689	What Cheer.....	Norfolk.....	".....	George A. Morritt.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	45
705	Acadian.....	Ogdensburgh.....	".....	Enos McBane.....	1st & 3d Wednesdays.....	139
707	Mount Horeb.....	Mooers Forks.....	Clinton.....	Samuel Canon.....	1st & 3d Thursdays.....	43
749	Fellowship.....	Rensselaer Falls.....	St. Lawrence.....	Thomas McKeivey.....	1st & 3d Fridays.....	36
790	Tahawus.....	Ausable Forks.....	Clinton.....	W. J. Gillespie.....	2d & 4th Wednesdays.....	53
Total.....						2,095

EMERSON I. LORD, D. D. G. M.

MASONIC DISTRICT, No. 16.

No.	Lodge.	Location.	County.	Master.	Time of Meeting.	Number of Master Masons.
49	Watertown.....	Watertown.....	Jefferson.....	Wilber F. Bingham.....	1st & 3d Wednesdays.....	209
53	Brownville.....	Brownville.....	"	Rufus Zimmermann.....	Tuesday week of full moon & 2 weeks after.....	80
134	Lowville.....	Lowville.....	Lewis.....	Louis A. Scott.....	Every Friday.....	144
135	Sackett's Harbor.....	Sackett's Harbor.....	Jefferson.....	James Boyd.....	2d & 4th Mondays.....	108
158	Carthage.....	Carthage.....	"	Lloyd G. Chase.....	1st & 3d Fridays.....	102
171	Lafargeville.....	Lafargeville.....	"	Byron J. Strong.....	Monday week of full moon & 2 weeks after.....	51
172	Chaumont.....	Chaumont.....	"	S. M. Byam.....	Monday week of full moon & 2 weeks after.....	45
174	Theresa.....	Theresa.....	"	Jerry B. Sturtevant.....	Wednesday week full moon and 2 weeks after.....	106
184	Turin.....	Turin.....	Lewis.....	Wayne L. Collins.....	1st & 3d Saturdays.....	69
226	Antwerp.....	Antwerp.....	Jefferson.....	William E. A. Faichney.....	2d & 4th Tuesdays.....	96
234	Rising Sun.....	Adams.....	"	D. W. White.....	1st & 3d Mondays.....	123
238	Orient.....	Copenhagen.....	Lewis.....	Judd F. Hadcock.....	1st & 2d Mondays.....	103
293	Cape Vincent.....	Cape Vincent.....	Jefferson.....	Lloyd O. Woodruff.....	1st & 3d Mondays.....	76
296	Clayton.....	Clayton.....	"	Horace E. Morse.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	79
297	Alexandria.....	Alexandria Bay.....	"	William M. Thomson.....	Tuesday week of full moon & 2 weeks after.....	60
506	Rodman.....	Rodman.....	"	Chester W. Snow.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	126
637	Rising Light.....	Belleville.....	"	Harrison H. Williams.....	1st & 3d Wednesdays.....	81
669	Port Leyden.....	Port Leyden.....	Lewis.....	Thaddeus S. Sawyer.....	1st & 3d Wednesdays.....	64
688	Depauville.....	Depauville.....	Jefferson.....	Thomas Lewis.....	Monday preceding full moon and 2 weeks after.....	52
720	Pisgah.....	Evans' Mills.....	"	Frederick E. Croissant.....	1st & 3d Wednesdays.....	52
Total.....						1,826

BYRON J. STROUGH, D. D. G. M.

MASONIC DISTRICT, No. 17.

No.	Lodges.	Location.	County.	Master.	Time of Meeting.	Number of Master Masons.
15	Western Star.....	Bridgewater.....	Oneida.....	William H. Greenman.....	Thursday preceding the full moon each month and two weeks thereafter.....	47
47	Utica.....	Utica.....	".....	John B. Orenderf.....	2d & last Mondays.....	220
120	Hamilton.....	Hamilton.....	Madison.....	Samuel P. Spencer.....	1st & 3d Wednesdays.....	135
129	Sanger.....	Waterville.....	Oneida.....	Gay R. Sanford.....	2d & 4th Wednesdays.....	128
148	Sullivan.....	Chittenango.....	Madison.....	C. Eugene Richardson.....	1st & 3d Thursdays.....	78
150	Sanquoit.....	Sanquoit.....	Oneida.....	Charles K. Garlick.....	2d & 4th Saturdays.....	110
164	Philanthropic.....	Camden.....	".....	John F. Wolcott.....	1st & 3d Wednesdays.....	75
165	Boonville.....	Boonville.....	".....	Thomas S. Jones.....	1st & 3d Fridays.....	100
169	Clinton.....	Clinton.....	".....	William Young.....	1st & 3d Mondays.....	59
223	Roman.....	Rome.....	".....	Frederick E. Mitchell.....	1st & 3d Wednesdays.....	179
234	Oriental.....	Utica.....	".....	Horatio S. Moore.....	2d & 4th Tuesdays.....	272
231	Canastota.....	Canastota.....	Madison.....	George W. Chapman.....	2d & 4th Wednesdays.....	84
264	Baron Steuben.....	Stokes.....	Oneida.....	S. Mason Smith.....	2d & 4th Wednesdays.....	92
270	Oneida.....	Odeida.....	Madison.....	Alonzo E. Cherry.....	1st & 3d Thursdays.....	124
347	Hampton.....	Westmoreland.....	Oneida.....	J. Preston Beckwith.....	2d & 4th Saturdays.....	76
420	New London.....	New London.....	".....	Frederick Meil.....	1st & 3d Fridays.....	37
440	Vienna.....	Vienna.....	".....	Washington I. Haskins.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	35
616	Cazenovia.....	Cazenovia.....	Madison.....	Charles E. Bond.....	1st & 3d Fridays.....	62
658	Morrisville.....	Morrisville.....	".....	E. G. Richardson.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	96
664	Amicable.....	Washington Mills.....	Oneida.....	Horace L. Kirtland.....	1st & 3d Saturdays.....	58
677	Remsen.....	Trenton.....	".....	Engene L. Hincley.....	2d & 4th Fridays.....	110
692	DeRuyter.....	DeRuyter.....	Madison.....	Horace F. Jones.....	Every Saturday.....	73
697	Faxton.....	Utica.....	Oneida.....	William B. Paary.....	1st & 3d Mondays.....	109
726	Cautious.....	Georgetown.....	Madison.....	Hiram R. Briggs.....	2d & 4th Saturdays.....	61
Total.....						2,419

WALTER H. STEWART, D. D. G. M.

MASONIC DISTRICT, No. 18.

No.	Lodge.	Location.	County.	Master.	Time of Meeting.	Number of Master Masons.
82	Phœbus.....	New Berlin.....	Chenango.....	William G. Peck.....	Wednesday on or before full moon, and two weeks thereafter.....	87
136	Eastern Light.....	Greene.....	".....	Marcus M. Wood.....	1st & 3d Thursdays.....	112
138	Oscego.....	Cooperstown.....	Oscego.....	Addison Gardner.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	142
162	Schnyler's Lake.....	Schnyler's Lake.....	".....	William Rose.....	1st & 3d Wednesdays.....	53
167	Susquehanna.....	Bainbridge.....	Chenango.....	Herman D. Copley.....	1st & 3d Wednesdays.....	86
175	Oxford.....	Oxford.....	".....	Henry O. Daniels.....	2d & 4th Mondays.....	103
177	Binghamton.....	Binghamton.....	Broome.....	John D. Davidson.....	Every Wednesday.....	120
282	Otego Union.....	Otego.....	Otego.....	F. Delos Shumway.....	1st, 3d & 5th Fridays.....	46
302	Norwich.....	Norwich.....	Chenango.....	George Wheeler.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	123
324	Freedom.....	Unadilla.....	Oscego.....	Marvin W. Dunley.....	2d & 4th Tuesdays.....	94
334	Cherry Valley.....	Cherry Valley.....	".....	Willard S. Gibbons.....	On the Monday next preceding every full moon, and second thereafter.....	81
360	Afton.....	Afton.....	Chenango.....	Daniel A. Bissell.....	2d & 4th Tuesdays.....	97
363	Evergreen.....	Springfield Centre.....	Oscego.....	James A. Griggs.....	1st & 3d Saturdays.....	60
388	Upper Lisle.....	Upper Lisle.....	Broome.....	Marlin Sherwood.....	2d & 4th Thursdays.....	29
396	Deposit.....	Deposit.....	".....	Charles T. Alveron.....	1st & 3d Saturdays.....	41
399	Maine.....	Maine.....	".....	Le Roy E. Turner.....	Every Monday.....	240
435	Oseningo.....	Binghamton.....	".....	W. Wayne Babcock.....	Every Thursday.....	71
442	Windsor.....	Windsor.....	".....	Austin B. Sullivan.....	1st & 3d Fridays.....	44
444	Sherburne.....	Sherburne.....	Chenango.....	William H. Allrey.....	2d & 4th Fridays.....	106
466	Oneonta.....	Oneonta.....	Oscego.....	Lester S. Emmons.....	1st & 3d Thursdays.....	95
482	Richfield Springs.....	Richfield Springs.....	".....	John F. Getman.....	2d & 4th Fridays.....	46
515	Bathursts.....	Gilbertsville.....	".....	John R. Woodland.....	1st & 3d Thursdays.....	96
533	Round Hill.....	Union.....	Broome.....	Andrew C. Woughton.....	1st, 3d & 5th Tuesdays.....	67
548	Laurens.....	Laurens.....	Oscego.....	Philip Wells.....	2d & 4th Saturdays.....	39
553	Farmers.....	West Burlington.....	".....	Sol. C. St. John.....	2d & 4th Wednesdays.....	95
592	Schenevus Valley.....	Schenevus.....	".....	James T. Welton.....	April 1st to Dec. 1st, 1st & 3d Saturdays; Dec. 1st to April 1st every Saturday.....	35
597	Western Light.....	Lisle.....	Broome.....	Willis D. Edmister S. W.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	94
606	Tienderrahl.....	Morris.....	Oscego.....	John H. Wilcox.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	40
659	South Otselic.....	South Otselic.....	Chenango.....	Noyes W. Stoddard.....	Every Saturday.....	2,432
Total.....						2,432

ISAAC W. BAKER, D. D. G. M.

MASONIC DISTRICT, No. 19.

No.	Lodge.	Location.	County.	Master.	Time of Meeting.	Number of Master Masons.
41	Sylvan.....	Moravia.....	Cayuga.....	Henry N. Whitman.....	1st, 3d, & 5th Tuesdays.....	146
98	Military.....	Manlius.....	Onondaga.....	Bronson Clark.....	1st & 3d Mondays.....	49
110	Scipio.....	Aurora.....	Cayuga.....	Alfred K. McAlpine.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	50
124	St. Paul's.....	Auburn.....	".....	Armistides Dayton.....	1st, 3d, & 5th Mondays.....	236
127	Oswego.....	Oswego.....	Oswego.....	Wm. P. Towse.....	Every Tuesday.....	226
130	Port Byron.....	Port Byron.....	Cayuga.....	Albert W. Morehouse.....	1st & 3d Wednesdays.....	52
136	Mexico.....	Mexico.....	Oswego.....	John Van Buren.....	1st & 3d Mondays.....	110
141	Cato.....	Cato.....	Cayuga.....	David Crowninshield.....	1st & 3d Thursdays.....	58
144	Hiram.....	Fulton.....	Oswego.....	Seymour Parmelee.....	1st & 3d Mondays.....	153
147	Warren.....	Union Springs.....	Cayuga.....	Edgar M. Hart.....	1st & 3d Mondays.....	82
160	Seneca River.....	Baldwinsville.....	Onondaga.....	William L. Frazee.....	1st, 3d, & 5th Tuesdays.....	103
176	Montezuma.....	Montezuma.....	".....	Edward Ross.....	1st & 3d Saturdays.....	47
221	Cayuga.....	Scipio Centre.....	Cayuga.....	Josiah F. Streeter.....	1st & 3d Wednesdays.....	80
256	Fort Brewerton.....	Brewerton.....	Onondaga.....	W. Monroe Pierce.....	1st & 3d Wednesdays.....	67
305	Central City.....	Syracuse.....	".....	John H. Duncan.....	Every Tuesday.....	288
325	Republican.....	Parish.....	Oswego.....	Lester D. Pickens.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	53
326	Salem Town.....	Cayuga.....	Cayuga.....	John M. Freese.....	2d & 4th Mondays.....	80
352	Homer.....	Homer.....	Cortland.....	Charles E. Wills.....	2d & 4th Mondays.....	78
369	Callimachus.....	Phoenix.....	Oswego.....	Alfred Gould.....	1st & 3d Wednesday.....	81
385	Weedport.....	Weedport.....	Cayuga.....	Sylvester Wright.....	2d & 4th Fridays.....	49
386	Jordan.....	Jordan.....	Onondaga.....	Enoch C. Nicholson.....	1st & 3d Mondays.....	106
414	Scio.....	Constantia.....	Oswego.....	Charles Marcellus.....	1st & 3d Saturdays.....	89
415	Pulaski.....	Pulaski.....	".....	John M. Williams.....	1st & 3d Wednesdays.....	182
421	Genoa.....	King's Ferry.....	Cayuga.....	Rufus J. Drake.....	1st, 3d, & 5th Thursdays.....	76
422	Frontier City.....	Oswego.....	Oswego.....	George E. Watkin.....	Every Friday.....	109
431	Auburn.....	Oswego.....	Cayuga.....	Charles E. Jewell.....	2d & 4th Tuesdays.....	135
438	Marathon.....	Marathon.....	Cortland.....	Frederick Tarble.....	1st & 3d Mondays.....	77
470	Cortlandville.....	Cortland.....	".....	Stratton S. Knox.....	1st, 3d, & 5th Tuesdays.....	194
501	Syracuse.....	Syracuse.....	Onondaga.....	Stewart Worden.....	Every Wednesday.....	310
520	Salt Springs.....	Syracuse.....	".....	William Newcity.....	Every Monday.....	97
522	Skaneateles.....	Skaneateles.....	".....	Walter H. Cornell.....	1st & 3d Wednesdays.....	72
524	Morning Star.....	Marcellus.....	".....	Augustus Austin.....	1st & 3d Mondays.....	59

MASONIC DISTRICT, No. 19—Continued.

No.	Lodge.	Location.	County.	Master.	Time of Meeting.	Number of Master Masons.
525	Liverpool	Liverpool	Onondaga	Charles G. Alvord	Every Monday	54
530	Hannibal	Hannibal	Oswego	Edwin H. Boyd	1st, 3d & 5th Wednesdays	52
564	Sandy Creek	Sandy Creek	"	George N. Salisbury	2d & 4th Fridays	70
578	Fayetteville	Fayetteville	Onondaga	Frank L. Maine	1st & 3d Thursdays	53
613	Cleveland	Cleveland	Oswego	Israel Morse	1st & 3d Fridays	29
622	Central Square	Central Square	"	Thomas W. Greene	1st & 3d Saturdays	67
648	Centreville	Plant Road	Onondaga	Russell Z. Saddler	Every Saturday	45
650	Amboy	West Amboy	Oswego	Millard C. Nelson	1st & 3d Saturdays	32
679	Æonian	Oswego	"	James K. Stockwell	Every Thursday	74
706	Cincinnati	Cincinnati	Cortland	H. L. Bentley	1st & 3d Saturdays	42
768	Sapphire	Camillus	Onondaga	Orlando J. Kellogg	Every Friday	44
Total						3,995

HENRY T. DANA, D. D. G. M.

MASONIC DISTRICT, No. 20.

No.	Lodge.	Location.	County.	Master.	Time of Meeting.	Number of Master Masons.
51	Fidelity	Ithaca	Tompkins	Alvah B. Wood	1st & 3d Tuesdays	193
95	Union	Elmira	Chemung	James C. Cartledge	1st & 3d Tuesdays	242
131	Myrtle	Havana	Schuyler	Oscar F. Curtis	1st & 3d Fridays	74
153	Friendship	Owego	Tioga	Asa B. Belcher	1st & 3d Mondays	190
157	Trumansburg	Trumansburg	Tompkins	Jonah W. Kirby	1st & 3d Mondays	99
253	Old Oak	Millport	Chemung	Alonzo Tift	1st & 3d Tuesdays	72
265	Speedville	Speedville	Tompkins	M. L. Legg	2d & 4th Tuesdays	54

MASONIC DISTRICT, No. 20—Continued.

No.	Lodge.	Location.	County.	Master.	Time of Meeting.	Number of Master Masons.
290	Spencer	Spencer Village.	Tioga.	Seymour Seeley	1st & 3d Tuesdays	74
332	Jefferson	Watkins	Schuyler	Joseph H. Shulenberg	1st & 3d Wednesdays	135
333	Westbrook	Nichols	Tioga	Amos Jilison	Wednesday evening on or before each full moon	100
350	Chemung Valley	Chemung	Chemung	Chaplain C. Wiswell	1st, 3d & 5th Saturdays	70
364	Horse Heads	Horse Heads	"	Alvah P. Beard	1st & 3d Mondays	79
378	Big Flats	Big Flats	"	Furley Churcher	1st, 3d & 5th Wednesdays	84
387	Ivy	Elmira	"	Dexter D. Curtis	1st & 3d Thursdays	320
407	Waverly	Waverly	Tioga	Nathaniel Ackley	1st, 3d & 5th Mondays	138
411	Candor	Candor	"	Horace F. Booth	1st & 3d Wednesdays	86
463	Lamoka	Tyrone	Schuyler	John C. Duval	1st & 3d Fridays	55
472	Dryden	Dryden	Tompkins	De Witt T. Wheeler	1st & 3d Wednesdays	71
496	Groton	Groton	"	Van Buren Coggeshall	1st & 3d Fridays	54
534	Tioga	Smithboro'	Tioga	Walter C. Randall	1st Tuesday on or before full moon	25
587	Ahwaga	Owego	"	James E. Manning	2d & 4th Tuesdays	101
614	Newark Valley	Newark Valley	"	Robert Donley	2d & 4th Mondays	60
621	Orange	Town of Orange	Schuyler	William J. Tucker	2d & 4th Wednesdays	51
681	Caroline	Slaterville	Tompkins	William C. Gallagher	2d & 4th Wednesdays	59
716	Hobasco	Ithaca	"	Harace M. Hibbard	2d & 4th Thursdays	96
725	Southern Light	Breesport	Chemung	Silas B. Brees	2d & 4th Fridays	64
774	Lausling	North Lausling	Tompkins	John H. Conklin	2d & 4th Fridays	56
775	Mount Lebanon	Van Ettenville	Chemung	Charles A. Murray	2d & 4th Wednesdays	40
784	King Hiram	Newfield	Tompkins	S. Dudley Cook	1st & 3d Fridays	42
Total.....						2,703

GEORGE B. DAVIS, D. D. G. M.

MASONIC DISTRICT, No. 21.

No.	Lodge.	Location.	County.	Masters.	Time of Meeting.	Number of Master Masons.
33	Ark	Geneva.	Ontario.	John N. Slocum.	1st & 3d Wednesdays.	117
83	Newark.	Newark.	Wayne.	Marvin I. Greenwood.	Alternate Mondays.	76
108	Milo	Penn Yan.	Yates.	Andrew B. Horton.	1st & 3d Fridays.	129
113	Seneca	Waterloo.	Seneca.	William S. Yule.	2d & 4th Mondays.	92
114	Union	Ovid.	"	William I. Foster.	Alternate Tuesdays.	81
123	Dundee	Dundee	Yates.	Luther M. Hair.	Alternate Fridays.	90
139	Milnor	Victor	Ontario	Milton Stafford.	2d & 4th Thursdays.	59
159	Pultneyville.	Williamson.	Wayne.	William W. Shipley.	1st & 3d Thursdays.	72
183	Farmerville.	Farmer Village.	Seneca.	Thaddeus W. Rappleye.	1st & 3d Wednesdays.	94
200	Sincerity	Phelps	Ontario	Frederick D. Vanderhoof.	1st & 3d Tuesdays.	120
211	Pocahontas	Seneca Falls.	Seneca.	Alonzo W. Worth.	2d & 4th Tuesdays.	102
248	Palmyra	Palmyra	Wayne.	Henry Birdsell.	2d & 4th Wednesdays.	131
254	Walworth	Walworth	"	Julian J. Findley.	1st & 3d Saturdays.	68
294	Canandaigua	Canandaigua	Ontario.	John S. Coe	1st & 3d Mondays.	180
308	Seneca Lake.	Dresden	Yates.	Amos A. Norman.	1st & 3d Saturdays.	49
341	Clyde.	Clyde.	Wayne.	Willard N. Field.	Tuesday of week in which moon full and 2d Tuesday thereafter.	78
345	Lodi	Lodi	Seneca.	Charles R. Keyes.	Monday Eve. on or bef. full moon and 2 weeks after.	73
377	Rushville	Rushville.	Yates.	James W. Hunt	1st & 3d Fridays.	55
392	Sodus	Sodus.	Wayne.	Ward Smith	1st & 3d Tuesdays.	104
406	Humanity	Lyons	"	Joseph McCall.	2d & 4th Wednesdays.	97
416	Wayne.	Ontario Centre.	"	William Payne.	1st & 3d Fridays.	58
539	Fayette	Fayette.	Seneca.	William H. Ritter.	Alternate Saturdays.	63
560	Red Creek.	Wolcott	Wayne.	David D. Becker.	1st, 3d, & 5th Fridays.	113
590	Rose	Rose	"	Alfred Lafavor.	2d & 4th Fridays.	72
619	Eagle.	Honeoye.	Ontario	Frederick Francis.	1st & 3d Saturdays.	70
665	Macedon.	Macedon.	Wayne.	Henry H. Reed.	1st & 3d Tuesdays.	49
764	Savannah.	Savannah.	"	John A. Munson.	1st, 3d & 5th Thursdays	53
Total.						2,285

FRED. D. VANDERHOOF, D. D. G. M.

No.	Lodge.	Location.	County.	Master.	Time of Meeting.	Number of Master Masons.
39	Olive Branch.	Le Roy.	Genesee	Scott W Skinner.	1st & 3d Wednesdays.	62
45	Union.	Lima.	Livingston.	Geo. W. Atwell, Jr.	1st & 3d Saturdays.	23
109	Valley.	Rochester.	Monroe	Frank H. Vick.	1st & 3d Mondays.	432
115	Phenix.	Dansville.	Livingston.	Archibald H. Lemen.	1st & 3d Tuesdays.	91
122	Mount Morris.	Mount Morris.	"	Charles W. Bingham.	1st & 3d Mondays.	78
154	Penfield Union.	Penfield.	Monroe	George W. Clark.	1st & 3d Thursdays.	70
163	Yonondio.	Rochester.	"	Charles M. Williams.	1st & 3d Tuesdays.	368
173	Monroe.	Brockport.	Livingston.	Samuel F. Parker.	1st & 3d Thursdays.	69
214	Genesee.	Genesee.	"	Nathaniel A. Gearhart.	1st, 3d & 5th Thursdays.	81
263	Mount Vernon.	North Java.	Wyoming	Geo. M. Barber.	Saturday on or bef. full moon and two weeks thereafter.	37
299	Keahequa.	Nunda.	Livingston.	Orin H. Cook.	1st & 3d Wednesdays.	55
320	Union Star.	Honeoye Falls.	Monroe	Seymour Pierce.	1st Wednesdays.	55
379	Oakland.	Cattile.	Wyoming	Geo. W. Jones.	1st & 3d Tuesdays.	34
404	Constellation.	Perry.	"	Gilbert R. Traver.	2d & 4th Saturdays.	45
413	West Star.	Varysburg.	"	Guy H. Parker.	1st & 3d Saturdays.	57
419	Arcade.	Arcade.	"	M. T. C. Perkins.	1st & 3d Fridays.	82
426	Northfield.	Pittsford.	Monroe	Egbert Knickerbocker.	1st & 3d Wednesdays.	30
462	Attica.	Attica.	Wyoming	Wm. C. Lawrence.	1st & 3d Tuesdays.	88
475	Batavia.	Batavia.	Genesee.	Lew. C. Lorch.	2d & 4th Tuesdays.	183
476	Fairport.	Fairport.	Monroe	Andrew W. Palmer.	2d & 4th Mondays.	95
479	Etolian.	Spencerport.	"	William M. Clark.	Every Saturday.	94
507	Genesee Falls.	Rochester.	"	Ass B. Norcross.	1st & 3d Thursdays.	366
526	Henrietta.	West Henrietta.	"	William S. Dunn.	1st & 3d Saturdays.	55
538	Webster.	Webster.	"	John A. Pellett.	Saturday on or bef. full moon and two weeks thereafter.	59
543	Triluminar.	Pike.	Wyoming	Edwin F. Newcomb.	1st Saturday after full moon, and two weeks thereafter.	65
549	Warsaw.	Warsaw.	"	Alanson B. Bishop.	2d & 4th Tuesdays.	68
570	Avon Springs.	Avon.	Livingston.	William Carter.	1st, 3d & 5th Fridays.	85
660	Rochester.	Rochester.	Monroe	Philip Green.	1st & 3d Mondays.	357
667	Churchville.	Churchville.	"	James D. Wright.	Every Friday.	68
682	Nunda Station.	Dalton.	Livingston.	Hugh Hill.	1st & 3d Tuesdays.	13
722	Germania.	Rochester.	Monroe	Henry Kohlmetz.	2d & 4th Wednesdays.	169
759	Oakka.	Scottsville.	"	Charles H. Pixley.	1st & 3d Wednesdays.	28
778	Livonia.	Livonia.	Livingston.	J. Ten Eyck Bettis.	1st & 3d Wednesdays.	31
779	Clio.	North Parma.	Monroe.	Z. W. J. Newcomb.	1st & 3d Tuesdays.	46

Total.

3,543

JOHN A. DAVIS, D. D. G. M.

MASONIC DISTRICT, No 23.

No.	Lodge.	Location.	County.	Master.	Time of Meeting.	Number of Master Masons.
44	Evening Star	Hornellsville	Steuben	Joseph Mounce	2d & 4th Tuesdays	115
65	Morning Star	Canisteo	"	Frank H. Robinson	1st & 3d Tuesdays	62
104	Lewis	Howard	"	Benjamin N. Bennett	Alternate Saturdays	16
112	Steuben	Bath	"	Henry Faucett	1st & 3d Wednesdays	89
117	Painted Post	Corning	"	Alfred J. Etheridge	1st & 3d Tuesdays	178
118	Addison Union	Addison	"	Rufus C. Baldwin	Alternate Tuesdays	67
146	Western Union	Belfast	Allegany	Granville D. Miller	Thursday on or bef. full moon	63
168	Montour	Painted Post	Steuben	Samuel B. Patterson	2d & 4th Mondays	52
225	Allegany	Friendship	Allegany	Chas. W. Wasson	1st & 3d Saturdays	71
229	Oriona	Hume	"	George W. Harding	Saturday on or bef. full moon	49
230	Wellsville	Wellsville	"	William W. Nichols	1st & 3d Tuesdays	124
238	Macedonia	Bolivar	"	Cash M. Williams	1st & 3d Wednesdays	85
306	Cuba	Cuba	"	George H. Swift	1st & 3d Thursdays	89
318	Joseph Enos	Rushford	"	Myron Claus	1st & 3d Thursdays	26
831	Hornellsville	Hornellsville	Steuben	Daniel F. Ordler	1st & 3d Tuesdays	219
857	Canadea	Canadea	Allegany	Nathaniel B. Sherman	Tuesday on or bef. full moon	33
459	Urbana	Hammondsport	Steuben	Robert Beck	2d & 4th Tuesdays	65
474	Belmont	Belmont	Allegany	Benjamin Norton	1st & 3d Wednesdays	61
478	Danville	South Danville	Steuben	Andrew W. Cook	1st & 3d Saturdays	49
510	Liberty	Cohocton	"	Clayton S. Scott	Alternate Mondays	88
647	Cameron Mills	Cameron Mills	"	Frank E. Marlett	Alternate Saturdays	86
558	Andover	Andover	Allegany	Orange Smith	1st & 3d Mondays	75
583	Prattsburgh	Prattsburgh	Steuben	John N. Bonney	1st & 3d Fridays	51
649	McClellan	Troupsburgh	"	Wm. H. Perry	1st & 3d Saturdays	26
673	Avoca	Avoca	"	Israel W. Baldwin	2d & 4th Wednesdays	89
753	Savona	Savona	"	Frank Hardenbrook	1st & 3d Thursdays	50
761	Maple Grove	Short Tract	Allegany	John A. Jones	1st & 3d Saturdays	15
771	Restoration	Woodhull	Steuben	Horatio Parker	2d & 4th Fridays	40
791	Canaseraga	Canaseraga	Allegany	Egbert P. Green	1st & 3d Thursdays	58
Total						1,972

PETER O. HUFSTADER, D. D. G. M.

MASONIC DISTRICT, No. 24.

No.	Lodge.	Location.	County.	Master.	Time of Meeting.	Number of Master Masons.
73	Lockport.....	Lockport.....	Niagara.....	Warner H. McCoy.....	2d & 4th Tuesdays.....	160
97	Renovation.....	Albion.....	Orleans.....	Samuel R. Cochrane.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	145
132	Niagara Frontier.....	Niagara Falls.....	Niagara.....	George Barker.....	1st & 3d Wednesdays.....	114
218	Hardland.....	Johnson's Creek.....	".....	John Long.....	Monday on or bef. full moon, Wednesday on or before full moon, and Oct. 1st to April 1st, two weeks thereafter.....	88
295	Cataract.....	Middleport.....	".....	Austin J. Spalding.....	{	{
336	Medina.....	Medina.....	Orleans.....	Wm. P. Tanner.....		
375	Niagara.....	Lockport.....	Niagara.....	Richard W. Cass.....		
376	Ontario.....	Wilson.....	".....	Jeff. A. Webster.....	1st & 3d Mondays.....	181
380	Murray.....	Holley.....	Orleans.....	Webster E. Howard.....	1st & 3d Wednesdays.....	87
551	Ransomville.....	Ransomville.....	Niagara.....	Elton T. Ransom.....	2d & 4th Tuesdays.....	81
639	Somerset.....	Somerset.....	".....	Wm. V. Townsend.....	2d & 4th Wednesdays.....	87
646	Red Jacket.....	Lockport.....	".....	James R. Compton.....	1st & 3d Fridays.....	48
675	Yates.....	Lyndonville.....	Orleans.....	George A. Waterbury.....	2d & 4th Wednesdays.....	209
713	Social.....	Kendall.....	".....	Mahlon Balcom.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	63
783	Niagara River.....	Suspension Bridge.....	Niagara.....	Obadiah W. Cutler.....	1st & 3d Saturdays.....	78
787	Gasport.....	Gasport.....	".....	David B. Richie.....	2d & 4th Wednesdays.....	46
					1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	44
					Total.....	1,585

JOHN HODGE, D. D. G. M.

MASONIC DISTRICT, No. 25.

No.	Lodge.	Location.	County.	Master.	Time of Meeting.	Number of Master Masons.
105	Hiram.....	Buffalo.....	Erie.....	George W. Voss.....	2d & 4th Fridays.....	279
143	Concordia.....	".....	".....	Peter Frank.....	2d & 4th Wednesdays.....	222
161	Erie.....	".....	".....	Jerome S. Edwards.....	1st & 3d Thursdays.....	282
240	Washington.....	".....	".....	Frank T. Gilbert.....	2d & 4th Thursdays.....	261
247	Tonawanda.....	Tonawanda.....	".....	George W. Millener.....	Every Thursday Nov. 1st to April 1st, balance year 1st & 3d Thursdays.....	129
255	Living Stone.....	Colden.....	".....	Alpheus H. Hayes.....	1st & 3d Thursdays.....	61
261	Evans.....	Angola.....	".....	Joseph H. Walker.....	2d & 4th Thursdays.....	76
292	Parish.....	Buffalo.....	".....	George L. Kingston.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	126
340	Modestia.....	".....	".....	Jacob F. Kuhn.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	148
351	Springville.....	Springville.....	".....	Wm. H. Jackson.....	2d & 4th Thursdays.....	84
358	Queen City.....	Buffalo.....	".....	Millington Lockwood.....	1st & 3d Fridays.....	211
441	Ancient Landmarks.....	".....	".....	Charles S. Treat.....	1st & 3d Thursdays.....	174
498	De Molay.....	".....	".....	Henry R. Clark.....	2d & 4th Tuesdays.....	288
514	Zion.....	Orchard Park*.....	".....	H. J. Pettibone.....	1st & 3d Saturdays.....	26
527	Akron.....	Akron.....	".....	William T. Magoffin.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	53
594	Alden.....	Alden.....	".....	John P. Edson.....	1st & 3d Thursdays.....	56
625	Fraternal.....	Hamburg.....	".....	Elon G. Nott.....	2d & 4th Saturdays.....	81
694	Blazing Star.....	East Aurora.....	".....	Adin J. Perry.....	2d & 4th Saturdays.....	97
699	Harmonie.....	Buffalo.....	".....	August Beck.....	1st & 3d Wednesdays.....	113
766	Occidental.....	".....	".....	Henry Cutting.....	2d & 4th Thursdays.....	66
788	Fortune.....	North Collins.....	".....	Job Southwick.....	1st & 3d Thursdays.....	31
					Total.....	2,864

*Name of this place changed since last report.

ALBERT JONES, D. D. G. M.

MASONIC DISTRICT, No. 26.

No.	Lodge.	Location.	County.	Master.	Time of Meeting.	Number of Master Masons.
145	Mount Moriah.	Jamestown	Chautauqua.	Frank B. Field	1st & 3d Tuesdays	196
152	Hanover	Forestville	"	William H. Parsons.	Wednesdays on or before full moon, and two weeks after	86
166	Forest.	Fredonia	"	George E. Tiffany	1st & 3d Tuesdays.	74
219	Summit	Westfield	"	Hiram R. Smith	2d & 4th Mondays.	94
239	Cattaraugus.	Salamanca	Cattaraugus	Hudson Analely	1st & 3d Tuesdays.	113
252	Olean	Olean	"	Calvin S. Stowell.	1st & 3d Tuesdays	229
263	Phoenix.	Gowanda	"	Herbert F. Clark.	1st & 3d Wednesdays	130
301	Irondequoit.	Dunkirk	Chautauqua.	Thomas H. Morlan	1st & 3d Fridays	145
303	Sylvan	Sinclairville	"	Judge W. Link.	Saturday next preceding full moon in each month.	75
307	Ellicottville	Ellicottville	Cattaraugus.	Herman B. Drown.	Friday on or before full moon, and two weeks after	70
359	Randolph	Randolph	"	John N. Cowen.	Every Saturday evening except through the heated term, then last Saturday of each month	97
384	Cherry Creek	Cherry Creek.	Chautauqua.	Samuel M. Sweet.	1st & 3d Saturdays	70
575	Olive.	Sherman.	"	Duane W. Adams.	Alternate Fridays	53
579	Portville	Portville	Cattaraugus.	Ezra M. Bedford	2d & 4th Tuesdays.	54
620	Clinton F. Paige	Otto.	"	William Pfueger.	2d & 4th Tuesdays.	79
626	Franklinville	Franklinville.	"	David M. Phetteplace.	1st & 3d Tuesdays except May, June, July, & Aug., when it is the 1st Tuesday	75
696	Peacock.	Mayville.	Chautauqua.	Victor A. Albro.	Wednesday on or before full moon.	56
757	Silver	Silver Creek	"	Charles E. Brown.	2d & 4th Wednesdays.	88
767	Dunkirk	Dunkirk	"	Clark Bloss.	1st & 3d Mondays.	60
780	Henry Renner	Limestone.	Cattaraugus	Shepard L. Vibbard.	Alternate Wednesdays.	69
Total.						1,912

LAURENS G. BISLEY, D. D. G. M.

MASONIC DISTRICT, No. 27.

No.	Lodge.	Location.	County.	Master.	Time of Meeting.	Number of Master Masons.
66	Richmond	Port Richmond	Richmond	Frank K. Kohler	1st, 3d & 5th Mondays	143
381	Huguenot	Tottenville	"	John D. Sharrot	1st & 3d Thursdays	116
471	Tompkins	Stapleton	"	Samuel R. Brick, Jr.	1st & 3d Wednesdays	85
683	Aquahonga	Richmond	"	Samuel W. Benedict	2d & 4th Tuesdays	21
701	Beacon Light.	New Brighton	"	Henry W. Welzin	2d & 4th Mondays	67
Total						492

LEONARD W. JEWELL, D. D. G. M.

No.	Lodge.	Location.	County.	Master.	Time of Meeting.	Number of Master Masons.
12	Trinity.....	Ger. Masonic Temple..	New York	Wm. Hasseloch.....	2d & 4th Mondays.....	186
54	German Union.....	" "	"	Charles A. Roth.....	2d & 4th Thursdays....	118
86	Pythagoras.....	" "	"	Ernst Jacobs.....	1st & 3d Wednesdays....	41
179	German Pilgrim.....	" "	"	Charles Forscheuer.....	2d & 4th Thursdays....	98
182	Germania.....	" "	"	Henry Brennich.....	2d & 4th Wednesdays....	125
199	Harmony.....	" "	"	Albert Wagner.....	2d & 4th Tuesdays.....	110
202	Zachokke.....	" "	"	Jacob Eidt.....	1st & 3d Thursdays....	113
232	Navigation.....	" "	"	Henry Truberg.....	2d & 4th Wednesdays....	124
268	Hermann.....	" "	"	Fred. Deicke.....	1st & 3d Wednesdays....	237
279	King Solomon.....	" "	"	Adolph Steeg.....	2d & 4th Thursdays....	234
394	Schiller.....	Broadway & Boerum St., Brooklyn, E. D.....	Kings	Rudolph Fischer.....	2d & 4th Fridays.....	140
356	United Brothers.....	Masonic Hall.....	New York	E. A. Geo. Intemann.....	2d & 4th Wednesdays....	204
512	Humboldt.....	Ger. Masonic Temple.....	"	Edward Kartschmaroff.....	1st & 3d Wednesdays....	153
545	Copernicus.....	98 B'way, B'klyn, E. D.....	Kings	Henry Fleming.....	1st & 3d Fridays.....	107
576	Fessler.....	Ger. Masonic Temple.....	New York	Conrad Hottes.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	147
595	Socrates.....	" "	"	John W. Fleck.....	2d & 4th Fridays.....	68
608	Lessing.....	Court & Montague Sts., Brooklyn.....	Kings	A. Cordis.....	1st & 3d Wednesdays....	119
617	Teutonia.....	Ger. Masonic Temple.....	New York	Nicolaus Renner.....	2d & 4th Tuesdays.....	83
629	Goethe.....	" "	"	Frederick Mohr.....	2d & 4th Thursdays....	130
661	Beethoven.....	" "	"	Julius Werner.....	1st & 3d Tuesdays.....	86
698	Herder.....	Greenpoint, L. I.....	Kings	Frederick M. Lotterlo.....	2d & 4th Fridays.....	126
714	Wieland.....	169th St. & Third Ave. 341 West 47th Street.....	New York	Henry Schmidt.....	1st & 3d Wednesdays....	65
730	Uhland.....	317 Washington Street, Brooklyn.....	"	Ludwig G. W. Limpert.....	1st, 3d & 5th Wednesdays....	94
740	Allemania.....	" "	Kings	Gustave C. Weidig.....	2d & 4th Wednesdays....	98
748	Lincoln.....	57th St. & 3d Ave.....	New York	Anton Halm.....	1st & 3d Fridays.....	85
760	Klopstock.....	Stapleton, S. I.....	Richmond	Hermann Sterzing.....	2d & 4th Mondays.....	98
765	Von Mensohn.....	Atlantic and Butler Aves. East N. Y.....	Kings	Gustave W. Ehrhardt.....	2d & 4th Mondays.....	41
771	Solon.....	117 West 23d Street.....	New York	George Wolf.....	1st & 3d Mondays.....	88
Total.....						3,208

GUSTAVE DETTLOFF, D. D. G. M.

Lodges Working in French, Spanish or Italian, in the Cities of New York and Brooklyn.

No.	Lodge.	Location.	County.	Master.	Time of Meeting.	Number of Master Masons.
17	L'Union Française.....	57 West Twenty-fifth St.	New York.....	Hypolite Vassel.....	2d & 4th Tuesdays.....	49
373	La Sincérité.....	Masonic Hall.....	".....	Geo. F. Heidet.....	1st & 3d Mondays.....	73
387	La Fraternidad.....	Ger. Masonic Temple....	".....	Antonio Portland.....	2d & 4th Saturdays.....	68
410	{ La Clemente Amitié { Cosmopolite.....	{ 33 Union Square	".....	George Wendling.....	1st & 3d Fridays.....	38
542	Garibaldi.....	".....	".....	Luigi Cardani.....	2d & 4th Fridays.....	80
751	La Universal.....	Brooklyn.....	Kings.....	Vincente Guerra.....	1st, 3d, & 5th Saturdays.....	104
786	Italia.....	Ger. Masonic Temple....	New York.....	Angelo Bertolino	1st & 3d Fridays.....	53
Total.....						465

GEO. F. HEIDET, D. D. G. M

REPORT

ON

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE,

FOR 1885.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of New York:

THE Committee on Correspondence have the honor respectfully to report that the various printed transactions of bodies either being or claiming to be masonic throughout the world have received the most careful attention and, in the following pages will be found a rescript of such matters as appear to us to require attention.

We make a special report as to one or more organizations claiming to be masonic and regular, to which the attention of the Craft is fraternally directed. No one could possibly be more delighted than we should were the governing Powers of Freemasonry to agree that lodges of symbolic masonry should be governed only by Grand Lodges erected by themselves and owing no allegiance to bodies of any other system or rite whatever. In this direction matters are progressing, but there is still a long interval to be bridged over before we can pass from shore to shore in perfect union and propriety; nor can we possibly admit that a small contingent of lodges, however regular in their formation, shall assume power to govern an overwhelming majority quite as regular as themselves. Otherwise matters are moving along in quietude towards the hoped for time when we shall all be of one mind.

In order to preserve the alphabetical form, we place the list of transactions reviewed, at the end of the report.

Alabama.

We take occasion to say right here and now that, we are greatly indebted to R. W. Bro. SAYRE, Grand Secretary, for an early copy of the printed transactions, which enables us to put "Here we rest" in its proper alphabetical place in this report.

Sixty-fourth Annual Communication in the city of Montgomery, December 1, 1884. Present: R. E. Sir JOHN H. BANKHEAD, Grand Master; R. W. DANIEL SAYRE, Grand Secretary, and most of the subordinates by their representatives.

The annual address is brief and devoted to local affairs, the dead being remembered and the fact stated that dispensations had been issued for the establishment of five new lodges.

The business was entirely local in its nature and involved nothing of interest outside.

M. W. PALMER J. PILLANS offered the report on correspondence, in which New York, for 1884, has brief notice.

Receiving this report while our own is going through the press we can only apologize for this brief reference, yet we trust our brethren of Alabama will give us credit for the warmest interest in their welfare.

Grand officers re-elected.

Arizona.

THIRD Annual Communication in the City of Tucson, November 11, 1884. Present: M. W. ALONZO BAILEY, Grand Master; R. W. GEORGE K. KOSKRUGE, Grand Secretary; the representatives of four subordinates.

In reviewing the affairs of the jurisdiction, the Grand Master says that they have met to consider the things they ought *not* to have done. To old men like the present writer, this is delightful; for when it comes about that Grand Lodges shall give due consideration to their mistakes, there will be more enjoyable times in the near future.

An application for a dispensation to form a new lodge to meet on the ground floor was very properly refused.

The following reported decisions have our entire approbation:

"*Question.* Is a dimit granted by a lodge legal, if the brother is in arrears for dues at the time of granting same?"

"*Answer.* No. A brother is not entitled to, nor can a lodge legally grant him a dimit, unless he is clear of the books, and no charges pending against him. Any lodge can, however, and it is a masonic duty to remit dues to any brother unable to pay the same. In such a case a dimit would be perfectly legal.

"*Ques.* Can a fellow craft mason, who has removed from his former jurisdiction, compel his lodge to grant him a dimit for the purpose of joining another?"

"*Ans.* No. Entered apprentices and fellow crafts have no rights as such, except those courteously extended to them. The mode of procedure in such cases would be to ask the lodge to waive jurisdiction, or request it to have the lodge in whose jurisdiction he resides, to confer the third degree upon him. In the former case he would become a member of the lodge which conferred the degree; in the latter he would still be a member of the lodge in which he was initiated.

"In the case of a trial of a member of 'King Solomon Lodge,' last year, in which a brother was suspended for unmasonic conduct, and, on appeal to this Grand Lodge, your committee believing the evidence elicited was not sufficient for conviction, and fearing a wrong may have been done for which the accused might go unpunished, remanded the case back for new trial. After the election of new trial commissioners, and at the instigation of the accuser, it was agreed to let the matter drop, and I was called upon for my decision. Having been furnished with a complete abstract of the proceedings, and after a thorough examination, I was induced to decide that, by unanimous consent of the accuser, the trial commissioners, and all others concerned, the case would be dropped. My suggestions were duly acted upon. Peace and harmony prevail.

"On September 13, 1884, a petition for the degrees was favorably received, and the entered apprentice degree conferred upon one who proved to be almost devoid of hearing. In due time he passed a creditable examination for advancement, but further proceedings were suspended and a committee appointed to again investigate the physical qualifications of the candidate. This committee having found him sufficiently possessed of that sense of human faculty, recommended his advancement. The second degree was then conferred up to and including the O. B. Further procedure was dispensed with, subject to my decision. I decided that the brother was now a fellow craft mason, and with no other objections, was entitled to the third degree."

The representatives of other Grand Lodges were received with due honor, M. W. Bro. FREEMAN doing the talking in his best style.

W. Bro. JAMES A. ZABRISKIE delivered a very nice oration, though we cannot entirely agree with his conclusions.

New York for 1884 has fraternal notice in the report on Correspondence, submitted by Bro. MORRIS GOLDWATER.

M. W. MERRILL P. FREEMAN is Grand Master ; Grand Secretary continues.

Arkansas.

FORTY-FIFTH Annual Communication at Little Rock, November 25, 1884. Present: M. W. JOHN J. SUMPTER, Grand Master; R. W. FAY HEMPSTEAD, Grand Secretary. Two hundred and fifty-six subordinates by their representatives.

The annual address is a paper of more than ordinary interest.

After the exordium, he has this to say:

"It is not to be expected of masonry that it can change the conditions of human nature, and divest the heart wholly of its evil passions and tendencies, but what it can and ought to do, is to so cultivate the higher attributes and better instincts of our nature, that we may learn to be tolerant of each other's opinions, forbearing of each other's faults, forgiving of each other's wrongs, and, above all things, to practice the great masonic virtue of charity.

"Of all institutions, human or divine, masonry is the most tolerant of freedom of opinion in all matters not involving articles of fundamental faith and practice. In religion we exact only a belief in Deity—in politics, only allegiance and loyalty to the government. In all other matters, absolute freedom to think and act as one's own judgment and convictions may dictate. It is this peculiar feature that has impressed upon masonry its distinct character of universality, and given it its foremost place among all the institutions, orders, and associations that have ever been devised for the promotion of true fellowship among men, and it is exactly in proportion to the degree with which the vital principle is recognized and enforced in the practical working of masonry, that it commends itself to the admiration of all generous and liberal-minded men, and to the support of its most intelligent votaries.

"It matters little, however, how eloquently we may preach up the doctrines of masonry, and expatiate upon the beauty of its precepts, unless we carry them into practice in the business transactions and social relations of our everyday life,

they become, as St. Paul says of faith without works, mere sounding brass and tinkling cymbals.

"If masonry recognizes and guarantees the right of absolute freedom in all matters of mere opinions, then to be angry with a brother, and especially to cherish feelings of hostility or malice towards him for differing from you in opinion, is practically to deny the existence of the right itself. Men I know are naturally prone to be intolerant of differences of opinion, especially in politics and religion, but when they come to consider that there is no absolute criterion by which we can determine right from wrong in matters purely of speculation and opinion, we should be the more readily disposed, not only to recognize and acquiesce in the right and justice of that great masonic doctrine of personal freedom and independence, but to give practical efficacy to it."

Seven dispensations for the establishment of new lodges were granted.

The following decisions were reported :

"1. The reversal by the Grand Lodge of a judgment of suspension by a subordinate lodge, operated as an acquittal and restored the condemned brother to all the rights of full membership.

"2. The Junior Warden elect of a lodge, being a Past Master, has the right to install the Worshipful Master elect; and, after the Worshipful Master has been installed, he may install all the other officers of the lodge.

"3. The provisions of Section 285, Digest, apply to itinerant preachers and all others engaged in pursuits that frequently take them away from their homes. A man's domicile is where his *home* is; and absence, however prolonged, does not destroy his domicile so long as he does not voluntarily abandon it with a fixed intention to remain away.

"4. A lodge renting a lodge-room may divide it and rent out all spare rooms, provided always the proper safeguards are preserved against intrusion and danger of exposure.

"5. After a candidate has been balloted for and declared rejected, and the result so recorded, a motion at the next, or any other communication of the lodge, to blot out that part of the record and insert in lieu thereof an entry to the effect that there was no ballot, on the suggestion that a mistake was made by reason of a defective ballot-box, is out of order, and was properly so ruled by the Worshipful Master.

"6. The records or proceedings of a lodge, after once being approved, should never be expunged or altered. They should be made to speak the truth, and all needed corrections made before being approved; but if errors or mistakes are afterwards detected, they must be corrected by proper motions made and entered on the minutes of proceedings when made.

"7. After a candidate has been balloted for and declared rejected, that is a finality to the matter, and no inquiry can be tolerated as to whether an accident or mistake was made; an attempt to break this rule would tend to destroy the sanctity of the ballot-box and the value of a secret ballot.

"8. A brother being tried and expelled for gross unmasonic conduct, appeals to the Grand Lodge. On the suggestion that he has discovered additional testimony material to his defense, he is permitted to withdraw his appeal with the view of asking a new trial. He then appears before his lodge by attorney, and asks for a new trial on the ground that he has discovered additional testimony material to his defense, without stating what he expected to prove.

"On such a state of case I decided that the Worshipful Master had the right and should have refused to entertain the motion. A lodge has the right, by a majority vote, to grant a new trial, but should do so on a proper showing; the proper method in such cases is to make a written application setting forth the newly discovered testimony, upon the sufficiency of which and of the expediency of granting a new trial the lodge is to judge, and unless this is done the Worshipful Master should exercise his prerogative of refusing to allow the matter to go before the lodge on an improper motion.

"9. A member of a defunct lodge who was suspended for non-payment of dues, is not entitled to affiliate with another lodge until he has paid to the Grand Secretary all the dues owed his lodge, up to the time it demised, and received a certificate to that effect. And so I ruled in another case: That a brother similarly situated, is not entitled to receive a certificate or dimit from the Grand Secretary until he has paid up all dues that would have accrued to the defunct lodge up to the time of its demise.

"10. A fellow craft belonging to a lodge under dispensation which failed to obtain a charter becomes the material of the next nearest lodge, and cannot be raised by any other lodge, except on a waiver by the lodge having the proper jurisdiction.

"11. A member suspended for non-payment of dues cannot be tried for any other offense except upon charges regularly preferred, as in cases of members in good standing, and he has the right to be present at such trials.

"13. Two separate and distinct counts should not be embodied in one charge. Charges should not be altered or amended without giving the accused due notice. A lodge may appoint a committee to inquire into the conduct of a brother, and they may, and indeed should, if they see proper, prefer charges. Accusing testimony cannot be introduced on a trial, other than that in support of the charges set forth in the specifications.

"14. A dimit was granted to a brother on his application. He failed to call for it for a year or two, remaining in the meantime in the jurisdiction of the lodge. During this time the Secretary offered the brother his dimit, which he declined to take, saying, 'Just let it remain, I may become a member again.' He finally asked for the dimit, and the Worshipful Master ruled that he was not, under the circumstances, entitled to it without paying up all dues which accrued during the period he had failed to demand the dimit. I decided the Worshipful Master ruled correctly.

"15. A member of a lodge, who is a married man, seduces a girl and elopes with her, leaving his family in destitute circumstances. He was indefinitely suspended. After several months he returns to his family, protests his innocence of any further criminality, and petitions to be reinstated. Before the lodge acts upon his petition he again elopes with the same woman, leaving his family in destitute circumstances. Information asked for as to how to proceed against the delinquent brother, with a view to expulsion, he being under judgment of indefinite suspension and beyond the jurisdiction of the lodge. I answered that a mason could be tried for any offense punishable with expulsion, on presentation of proper charges and specifications. Accused must be served with notice and summons, but if he evades notice, or if after four months' diligent inquiry the Secretary of the lodge is unable to ascertain the residence of the accused, then the lodge may proceed to trial and judgment without notice.

"An applicant for the degrees who stated that several years before he had been elected in a lodge in Mississippi and then moved into this State without taking the degrees, must obtain a waiver of jurisdiction of the Grand Master or Grand Lodge of Mississippi before a lodge in this State can work him.

"17. A Master Mason belonging to a lodge in another State moves into Arkansas, and without being dimitted from his lodge, joins in an application for a dispensation to establish a new lodge, saying he had sent for his dimit and would deposit it when received; he became an active member of the lodge, paying dues, voting, etc. Before the lodge received a charter he receives a dimit from his old lodge but neglected to deposit it in the new lodge, and after awhile applies for a dimit. Was he entitled to a dimit under the circumstances? I decided that it was wrong to permit a mason holding membership in a lodge in another State to join in a petition for a dispensation for a new lodge in this State. But as it was done in this case the brother became a member of the lodge and was subject to its jurisdiction and discipline. The lodge however, in my opinion, had the right to demand of the brother that he should deposit the dimit that he had received from his old lodge, before he could receive a dimit from the new lodge.

"18. A lodge under dispensation has the right to grant dimit, and should do so when a proper case is presented."

Other matters receive attention, but these reported are the principal appealing to general attention.

The report of Bro. FAY HEMPSTEAD as Grand Secretary and Librarian, is most interesting and worthy of imitation.

Extremely appropriate and touching resolutions in regard to the death of the late Past Grand Master, E. H. ENGLISH, were unanimously adopted, and a committee was named to procure the means of erecting a monument in honor of his memory.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence involving the recognition of several spurious Grand Lodges, not having arrived in time, was laid over for a year, and had better lay there for some years to come.

This Grand Lodge gives most of its space to the publication of the names of its membership, a custom more honored in the breach than in the observance.

M. W. Bro. W. H. H. CLAYTON is Grand Master ; Grand Secretary continues.

California.

THIRTY-FIFTH Annual Communication at San Francisco, October 14, 1884. Present: M. W. JONATHAN D. HINES, Grand Master ; R. W. ALEXANDER G. ABELL, Grand Secretary ; the representatives of one hundred and seventy-nine chartered lodges.

In opening his annual address the Grand Master refers, in glorious terms, to the progress of the State, and the steady advance of the Fraternity in all things most conducive to its welfare.

All the matters pertaining to the office receive due attention in such terse form as to lead the reader to a full examination to the infinite credit of the Grand Master.

The decisions reported discover a level head, and we therefore copy them in full :

"1. Can a Past Master, in the absence of the Master and both Wardens, open a lodge and transact its regular business ?

"No. In the absence of the Master and Wardens a lodge cannot be opened even for the burial of a brother ; but either of those officers, being present and presiding, may call to his aid a Past Master, or, for that matter, any other well informed Mason, to confer degrees or transact business.

"2. Five commissioners appeared at a trial for which seven had been elected, and, after hearing the case and deliberating thereon, two voted guilty—three, not guilty. The Master declared the result a finding of not guilty, and ordered a record to that effect. Did the Master err ? If he did, what steps should be taken in the further prosecution of the matter ? Can the same commissioners again try the case ?

"Grave error was committed. Where a commission consists of seven members, *five*, or even *four*, may try the case, but a majority of the *whole number elected* must concur in the judgment ; a majority of those present is not sufficient. For the further prosecution of the charges new commissioners should be elected. No person who acted as a commissioner on the first, is competent to sit as a commissioner on the second trial.

"3. Is it the duty of a lodge to give masonic burial to a mason who resides permanently in this jurisdiction, but retains membership and pays dues to a lodge in another State ? If yes, who is to pay for it ?

"It is the duty of a lodge to give masonic burial to every mason in good standing, within its jurisdiction, when requested so to do. Ordinarily, the mere force of masonic comity and a sense of right and justice will secure prompt payment of such bills by the lodge to which the decedent belongs. When these fail, I know of no way of compelling payment.

"4. Has a Master the right to exclude from his lodge a member who is intoxicated ?

"He has, although the right of a mason in good standing to attend the meetings of his lodge is a very sacred right, and should only be denied in plain cases ; but this right pre-supposes that he conducts himself with due order and propriety. No fixed rule of action can safely be laid down. The Master must judge of each case as it arises, and he should exercise a sound discretion, to the end that the members be not annoyed nor scandal brought upon the lodge.

"5. In a case where the Grand Lodge had reversed a judgment and ordered a

new trial, the charges were subsequently dismissed by a vote of the lodge. I directed the Master to disregard such action and proceed with a re-trial in accordance with the order of the Grand Lodge, precisely as though no such dismissal had been attempted.

"6. I was asked to issue a dispensation authorizing a lodge to confer the three degrees of masonry upon the same candidate at one meeting.

"Refused; there being nothing in the Constitution authorizing the issue of a dispensation for such a purpose.

"7. Would it be proper for a lodge in California to receive and act upon an application for affiliation from a Master Mason who resides in another State?

"It would not. While there may be no direct provision of our law that in terms prohibits it, it would be an invasion of the rights of a sister Jurisdiction and might produce irritation, and possible conflict. It involves the same principle exercised by our Grand Lodge in denying to persons residing in this State the right to petition for and receive the degrees in another jurisdiction.

"8. Can the Master take the charter of his lodge to a place within its jurisdiction, other than that named in the charter, and open the lodge for the purpose of conducting a funeral?

"No. It is his duty to open the lodge at the proper place, before proceeding to that proposed for the funeral service.

"9. Where objections were made to conferring the second or third degrees upon a candidate, and the lodge refused to sustain them, and the same brother again made substantially the same objections, can a lodge entertain them a second time?

"No doubt a lodge may entertain and pass upon the same objections as often as it sees proper; but it ought not to permit itself to be trifled with in that manner. The Master should not allow the same objections to reach the lodge a second time.

"10. Can an entered apprentice mason receive masonic burial?

"He cannot.

"11. Where charges have been preferred against a member for speaking disrespectfully of the Order and accusing a brother of cheating him, and before trial apologizes and promises reformation, and all parties being satisfied and desiring to stop proceedings; can the Master dismiss the charges, or must they be tried?

"Where charges do not involve gross immorality or criminal conduct, and the parties are satisfied, or where charges are frivolous, the Master can and ought to dismiss them.

"12. A case has occurred where, upon a motion to grant a recommendatory certificate, three voted in favor and one voted against, while a number did not respond. The presiding officer declared it carried, but the Secretary refused to issue the certificate, upon the ground that a majority of those present did not vote in favor. I held that, while every member ought to vote, there was no law absolutely requiring them to do so; and the members who, in silence, allow a matter to pass must be presumed to assent to it. But that in no view of the case could the Secretary be permitted to call in question the ruling of the presiding officer.

"13. On a case presented I ruled that, where from some private pique or personal dislike, one brother refuses to speak to another, or even remains away from the lodge in consequence of the other's presence, it was not in itself such an offense as would sustain charges; and that the proper remedy is friendly admonition, leaving all the rest to time and cool reflection.

"14. A lodge grants permission to an entered apprentice to apply to another lodge for the second and third degrees, and sends thirty-five dollars, balance for degrees not conferred, to the lodge to which he proposes to apply: I am asked, among other questions, the following—Should the ballot be unfavorable, to whom does the thirty-five dollars belong?

"I answered: It should be returned to the candidate.

"15. My attention has been called to the clause in our blank petitions for degrees which reads, "that he has resided in the *State of California* for more than one year, etc.," with the suggestion that it seemed inapplicable to *Hawaiian* lodge No. 21.

"I replied that it should be construed, *Jurisdiction of California*, and they could if they desired, insert—*Kingdom of the Hawaiian Islands*, in the *Jurisdiction of California*.

"16. Where two lodges had consolidated, one being at the time indebted to a third lodge for funeral expenses advanced, I was asked: Is the consolidated lodge responsible for the debt?

"I answered, Yes.

"17. In Sec. 2, Art. III., Part III., of the Constitution, it is provided that a dis-

penetration for a new lodge shall not issue, unless, among other things, the petition be accompanied by a certificate from a *Master*, whom the Grand Master is satisfied is well skilled in the craft, in the form prescribed, declaring that the Master and Wardens proposed as fully competent, etc.' I suggest that this section should be amended to read, 'from the Inspector of the district,' instead of 'a Master.' The Inspector is generally best qualified, and it is directly within the line of his duty."

From No. 7, we respectfully dissent, because we insist that a Master Mason in good standing and unaffiliated, has a right to choose his future masonic home without regard to residence, in the lodge in which he thinks he can best work and best agree, and, we deny the right of any Grand Lodge to interfere with this personal prerogative.

No. 8 suggests a thought. It is clearly in accord with the general practice, but has no really legal basis further back than the time when the membership of lodges changed from entered apprentices to Master Masons.

For a long time after the revival in 1717, brethren of the first degree conducted the business of their respective lodges as Master Masons now do, and they must have then been entitled to burial. We have never been able to find any authoritative legislation on the subject, and imagine that all there is of it is to be found in the various manuals which have not only served as guides in the ritual, but have made law for us as well.

It is well known that the symbol of the Weeping Virgin was the invention of Jeremy L. Cross, with whom we were personally acquainted, and we entertain no doubt that the requirement of opening a lodge on the third degree to perform an acknowledged public ceremonial has no better foundation.

We fully agree that no public appearance of the brethren should be made without the sanction of a lodge, but this only for the sake of discipline; occasion requiring we should not hesitate an instant to confer the last rites of the brotherhood upon a worthy deceased craftsman, lodge or no lodge, opened or not, which, by the way, we have already several times done.

The report of the Grand Secretary is, as usual, a marvellous performance, giving, in the most ample detail, all the affairs of the jurisdiction.

We cannot call to mind the time when we have read such a delightful contribution to the literature of Freemasonry as the oration delivered by W. Bro. JOHN H. DICKINSON. We cannot reproduce it here, but we shall elsewhere endeavor to give it a circulation worthy of its merit.

Charters for six new lodges were granted.

The report on Correspondence is from the pen of Bro. WM. H. HILL, and is one of the very best in the list under review.

In it, New York, for 1884, has full and pleasant consideration, the address, of Grand Master SIMMONS, being described as "Able written and indeed a model of its kind in style and plainness of speaking."

The report of this committee has kindly and appreciated notice.

Long live California.

Grand officers re-elected.

Colorado.

TWENTY-FOURTH Annual Communication at Denver, September, 16, 1884.
Present: M. W. ANDREW SAGENDORF, Grand Master; R. W. ED. C. PARMALEE, Grand Secretary, and the representatives of forty-three lodges.

The annual address though not lengthy, seems to cover the business presented. The brethren are congratulated upon the continued harmony and prosperity of the year and upon a healthy increase of membership.

Four dispensations to erect new lodges had been granted.

Among his decisions he states the oft-repeated case where a person rejected in a lodge goes to another jurisdiction, and after the lapse of some six months, is made, passed and raised.

The regulations of Colorado would seem to forbid the recognition of a person made under such circumstances, but the Grand Master justly observes that a man receiving the degrees in a regular lodge is a lawful mason. Our own opinion is that the complaint of the rejecting lodge lies against the initiating lodge and not against the individual. Under the common law of masonry he may be denied admission on the objection of a sitting member, but his status as a regular mason cannot be denied on account of the error of the lodge in which he was received.

Warrants of constitution were issued to six lodges working U. D.

The remaining business was local in character.

Bro. R. W. WOODBURY presented the report on correspondence which is very much to his credit. In it New York, for 1884, has brief but commendatory notice.

M. W. JAMES H. PEABODY is Grand Master; R. W. Bro. PARMALEE continues Grand Secretary.

Connecticut.

NINETY-SEVENTH Annual Communication at New Haven, January 21, 1885.
Present: M. W. DWIGHT WAUGH, Grand Master; R. W. JOSEPH K. WHEELER, Grand Secretary; the representatives of one hundred and eighteen lodges.

The annual message is entirely devoted to local matters, except in the matter of sympathy with jurisdictions in which the pale messenger has summoned away some brother distinguished for great zeal and devotion to the craft.

The decisions reported are precisely the same as would have been given in New York.

We note, in passing, that a charter having been granted to a new lodge it was resolved that the officers and representatives thereof be admitted to seats and votes in the Grand Lodge.

We should be glad to know what the representatives thus made represented.

We find nothing in the business transacted of other than local interest.

Grand Secretary WHEELER presented the report on correspondence, in which a large majority—New York among the number—receive kindly notice.

Grand Officers re-elected.

Dakota.

TENTH Annual Communication at Aberdeen, June 10, 1884. Present: M. W. OSCAR F. GIFFORD, Grand Master; R. W. CHAS. T. MCCOY, Grand Secretary; the representatives of forty-four chartered lodges.

"It is with pleasure I report to you the past year, one of great prosperity to the craft in this jurisdiction," is the opening sentence of the annual address, which is cause for congratulation, which New York hereby fraternally extends.

CONDITION OF THE CRAFT.

"Reflecting for a moment upon the condition of the craft in this jurisdiction, past and present, there is much in our history to give us satisfaction. It has not been necessary to withdraw or suspend a dispensation for a new lodge since our organization, and every lodge organized in pursuance thereof previous to the past year, is now working under its original charter; no lodge in our history has been suspended, or its charter withdrawn or surrendered; not a lodge has been established which has tended in any manner to the injury of any other lodge. Every lodge in the jurisdiction is now, and has at all times since its organization, been self-supporting: and with one or two exceptions has paid to the Grand Lodge the amount of dues required, which exceptions referred to, were caused by great and unforeseen calamities,—floods and fires in each instance destroying the property of the lodge, as well as that of many of its members. I believe in only two instances in our history has the Grand Lodge been petitioned to remit or cancel the dues of a lodge, and in both cases were based upon the above causes; and every lodge in the jurisdiction is prospering to a satisfactory degree, with only one or two exceptions; but I wish to call your special attention to the fact that to be proficient in our ritual, possessing a good knowledge of the usages and rules of the craft, as expounded by the best authors, and paying close attention to lodge work and details, is essential to a successful and prosperous lodge, as well as a just appreciation and practice of its cardinal principles.

"The business cares of our day in this jurisdiction are liable to so engross our time as to make us, in part, neglectful of these duties to the fraternity."

This would seem to warrant the dictum of the late Mr. GREELEY about going West.

Twelve dispensations for the erection of new lodges had been granted and several others referred to Grand Lodge. At this rate of proceeding the older jurisdictions will have to look to their laurels.

From the reported decisions we quote:

"A brother desires to affiliate with a lodge he has never visited, and presents his petition therefor which is referred to a committee. The brother seeks to visit the lodge after the committee have reported, but before a ballot is taken (there is no brother who can vouch for him), the proper examining committee find and report that the brother cannot work himself into the lodge.

"Question. Can the committee upon the petition examine and instruct the brother, what course should be pursued?

"Answer. The master of a lodge should not allow a brother to affiliate who has never visited the lodge. The committee to whom the petition is referred can examine the brother under the direction of the master, and if satisfied beyond the shadow of a doubt that he is a worthy mason, can instruct him so that he can visit the lodge. This should all be under the direction of the master. There is no usage preventing a lodge from allowing a brother to affiliate who has never visited the lodge, but we cannot encourage the practice, nor of allowing one to affiliate, who, through his own incompetency and lack of knowledge, is unable to visit a lodge.

"Question. How long a period must intervene between taking a degree and advancement?

"Answer. Until the party who desires to be advanced has a thorough knowledge of the degree that has been conferred upon him and until the next stated meeting.

"Question. At what meeting must the ballot be spread for the election of a candidate to the degrees?

"Answer. At a stated or regular meeting not less than one month after the receipt of the petition. The first stated meeting in the month is the meeting here referred to.

"Question. Is a party eligible to the degrees who, through lack of knowledge, cannot write his name?

"Answer. No. His petition should be rejected. A knowledge of reading and writing is as essential in our day as perfect physical strength was in the days of our ancient brethren. What master would employ an apprentice, in our day and age, who, when employed, is eligible to the highest office in the craft, but who lacks sufficient knowledge to sign his name to a hotel register or receipt?

"A lodge carelessly receives a petition for the degrees from a candidate who has been rejected by another lodge within the jurisdiction, without asking the latter to waive jurisdiction. The candidate was elected and degrees conferred. I was asked what should be done. I held that although the action of the lodge was unwarranted and irregular, the candidate had received the degrees in a just and lawfully constituted lodge and was a mason, and entitled to be considered as such; that the lodge which received the petition should at once request the lodge rejecting the petition to waive jurisdiction, which was promptly complied with and jurisdiction waived, which in my judgment, obviated further difficulty."

With which we agree, and as to the last question we refer to our views under Colorado.

Strenuous and apparently successful efforts are being made to establish a uniform standard of work in this jurisdiction.

Stick to it brethren and you will be sure to win.

Other business not of general interest.

Bro. WM. BLATT, for the committee, presented an excellent report on correspondence, in which New York, for 1883, has a conspicuous place and kindly notice.

Speaking of the right of an unaffiliate to join the lodge of his choice without regard to residence, the committee think that while this may be law, still it appears to be the duty of the unaffiliate to join the lodge in the jurisdiction of which he resides.

We are entirely at one with our esteemed brother, but he will please note that our argument was directed to the assertion of the right of a brother to join the lodge of his choice if he so insist.

M. W. JOHN F. SCHRODER is Grand Master ; Grand Secretary continues.

Delaware.

TWENTY-SEVENTH Annual Communication at Wilmington, October 3, 1883. Present: M. W. JOHN F. SAULSBURY, Grand Master ; R. W. WILLIAM S. HAYES, Grand Secretary ; the representatives of twenty-one subordinates ; Past Grand Officers *et. als.*

From the annual address we find that the craft in Delaware is in a reasonably good condition, most of the lodges being in a very fair state of prosperity.

We approve the following decisions :

"*First.* A lodge cannot receive a petition for initiation from a person who could not subscribe to all the edicts, rules, and regulations of the Grand Lodge.

"*Second.* Can a masonic lodge, in the name of the lodge, give a fair, entertainment, or any other respectful amusement by which they will derive a benefit?

"*Answer.* Yes.

"*Third.* Can a masonic lodge act in conjunction with any other society for the purpose of giving a fair, entertainment, etc., by which they will derive a benefit?

"*Answer.* It would be unusual to do so, and contrary to all masonic landmarks and all precedent.

"*Fourth.* Can a lodge entertain the petition and confer the degrees of masonry upon a man who has had the index finger on his left hand taken off at the second joint?

"*Answer.* According to Regulation 9 of the Grand Lodge, a lodge cannot entertain or confer the degrees of masonry upon a man unless he is perfectly free from maim or defect.

"*Fifth.* Can a lodge entertain a petition of a person for initiation who had formerly petitioned the lodge and who was now residing in another jurisdiction?

"*Answer.* A lodge cannot entertain such petition, according to Article X., Section 5, of the By-laws of the Grand Lodge, which provides that the petitioner shall have resided in this jurisdiction twelve months."

The business transacted was only of local concern.

The correspondence committee was unable to connect, and was continued.

Grand Officers re-elected.

District of Columbia.

SEVENTIETH Annual Communication held at Washington. Present: M. W. Bro. MYRON M. PARKER, Grand Master; R. W. WILLIAM R. SINGLETON, Grand Secretary; the representatives of twenty-one subordinates.

The Grand Master, in his annual address, treats of various subjects, all being in a large degree local.

The reported decisions are as follows:

1. That when an unfavorable ballot appears on the first spread, another should immediately be taken to provide against error or inadvertence on the first.

2. That the request for a waiver of jurisdiction should come from the lodge petitioned, and not from the candidate.

The third decision we acknowledge our inability to understand.

During the year a foundation stone was placed with suitable ceremony, of which the Grand Secretary says:

"The day was all that could have been pictured in a poet's dream. The golden tinge of a cloudless sunset shed its mellow light on soldier, knight, and mason, making one of the most imposing masonic demonstrations ever witnessed in the city of Washington. En route the parade was reviewed by the President of the United States, and on arriving at the armory the corner-stone was laid by the Grand Master, assisted by the Grand Officers, with appropriate masonic ceremonies. The historical gavel used upon this occasion was the one used by Brother General GEORGE WASHINGTON in laying the corner-stone of the United States Capitol Building, and was kindly loaned the Grand Lodge by Potomac Lodge, No. 5, of this jurisdiction, whose valued souvenir it now is. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the Grand Master introduced Brother BENJAMIN BUTTEWORTH, the orator of the occasion, who delivered an eloquent and fitting address."

Various other items of business were transacted, having relation to local matters.

R. W. Bro. SINGLETON again presents the report on correspondence, which does not require any recommendation, being all that can be required in its way.

New York for 1884 has complimentary notice.

Touching our law for the demand of a ballot instead of an objection, he says :

"In the New York plan, we see how an improper man may become a mason in spite of the protests of good members, when his friends are determined that he shall get in.

"In the case of applications for affiliation it is well settled that a rejected brother can re-apply to the same lodge every regular communication after every rejection. We know cases in this jurisdiction where the brother applied three several times after rejection, and finely got into the lodge because the objecting brother happened to be absent when the ballot was ordered. Moreover, we have known cases where a profane has been elected by the knowing ones, his friends watching their chance to have the ballot taken when they were sure none but the friends of the candidate were present. The reasons of our committee are sufficient to convince every impartial mind that justice, strict masonic justice, will be done to all parties under the investigation by a proper committee. If the objections be such as to keep the candidate from advancing, we feel sure that the lodge will not permit him to advance; and if the objection be not valid he should advance notwithstanding the objection."

So far it has not worked that way with us and, we have several years' experience.

Bro. S. has a happy knack of saying pretty thing in few words.

Grand Officers re-elected.

Florida.

FIFTY-FIFTH Annual Communication at Jacksonville, January 15, 1884. Present : M. W. ZELOTES H. MASON, Grand Master ; R. W. DE WITT C. DAWKINS, Grand Secretary ; sixty subordinates by their representatives.

M. W. Bro. MASON is in his seventieth year, but his annual address has the vigor expected from a man in his prime ; and as he will in all probability never make another, the brethren should be proud of this one, and have a kindly remembrance of its author.

The business transacted, and of which official report is made, relates in the main to internal affairs with such exceptions as we shall note thus :

In the month of July a dispensation was granted to establish a new lodge, all legal requisitions having been complied with. In the following month of December, it was reported to the Grand Secretary that the attempt to build up a lodge at the place named, was a failure, owing to the fact that a village had been started on the line of the neighboring railway, whither most of the members had betaken themselves.

The circumstances surrounding this case are somewhat fortuitous, but none the less they go to show that in founding a lodge, expected to live, the members should not start out until after a careful survey of the field they find themselves not only "good and ready," but having a reasonable assurance of stability not to be overset by the foundation of a rival village.

In the larger jurisdictions this fact is being recognized more and more, as is the correlative idea that a few strong and healthy lodges are infinitely better than many weak organizations going through the process of a lingering death.

The decisions reported present a point or two of interest, as for instance, the fact of having been present with a brother in Grand Lodge is a proper basis for a legal voucher.

We respectfully submit that this is a dangerous conclusion, because the Grand Lodge is formed to make and execute the laws, and to be a court of arbitrament to settle difficulties between lodges and brethren; and, although none but Master Masons have the right of admission, it does not follow that as strict examination is had as would be the case in a working lodge, and on this ground we have always refused to regard the presence of a person in Grand Lodge as any ground of legal avouchment.

And again :

"2.—*Question.* A M. M. applies for affiliation, and presents a certificate from the Grand Lodge of Georgia, showing that he was a member of a lodge in that jurisdiction, and prior to the forfeiting of its charter in its last returns, was a member in good standing, and not in arrears for his lodge dues. The petition was referred to a committee, who ask, does this certificate have the force and effect of a dimit outside of the jurisdiction of Georgia, and ask for a ruling ?

"*Answer.* Referred to Regulation No. 155, and ruled that the certificate must be received as sufficient evidence of the masonic standing of the petitioner at the time it was issued, and a dimit would not be required.

"3.—*Question.* When there are two lodges located in the same city, is it a violation of masonic law or custom for one to act upon a petition for affiliation from a brother who has been rejected by the other lodge, and in the case of rejection, does the rejection give the rejecting lodge the right of original jurisdiction over the petitioner ?

"*Answer.* The brother making application to affiliate, manifests a desire to perform a masonic duty, and, though rejected in one lodge, has the right to try and try again in some other lodge or lodges, until he obtains a masonic home. Therefore your lodge can receive and act upon his petition.

"4.—*Question.* A. B. presented a petition to Duval Lodge, No. 18, for initiation a little over a year ago, he was rejected. Can he now petition Solomon Lodge, No. 20, for initiation, or must he try again in Duval Lodge ?

"*Answer.* Grand Lodge Regulation, No. 142, says : 'When there are two or more lodges in the same city or town, they have concurrent jurisdiction.' And Regulation, No. 144, decides that, 'When a lodge once lawfully assumes jurisdiction, it cannot be rudely divested thereof; therefore no lodge can lawfully finish work begun by another surviving lodge without its consent. Jurisdiction may be transferred.' I therefore rule, that Duval Lodge has jurisdiction in the case, and Solomon Lodge cannot act upon the petition, without jurisdiction being transferred to it. Though both lodges have concurrent jurisdiction, yet, Duval Lodge had received and acted upon the petition, and while the applicant continues to reside in the city, he must present his petition to the lodge that rejected him.

"I am aware that there is a considerable difference of opinion in regard to the question of jurisdiction in the case of rejected candidates for initiation, and hope that the question may be definitely settled for this jurisdiction, at the present communication."

With the last three decisions we entirely concur.

Another question was presented, in which we feel considerable interest.

The case is where a brother dies far away from his home, and before the spirit takes its flight, expresses a desire to be interred with masonic ceremony.

Can the lodge, having jurisdiction where the brother dies, call an emergent meeting to respond to his request ?

During our lengthened experience many such cases have come to our notice, and we have always acted upon the suggestion that no meeting of a lodge, emer-

gent or otherwise, is needed to say the words of our burial service over the remains of a worthy brother, who, with his dying breath, has requested that final kindness.

We have officiated on many such occasions, and, if required, should not hesitate to do so again.

According to our idea, it is better that a lodge should be in charge ; but when that cannot be arranged, then we reserve the right to say at the grave of a deserving brother the kindly remembrance of the craft for his life and services.

Grand Secretary DAWKINS made an elaborate report, in which he suggests more stringent measures than have prevailed against the depredations of masonic tramps.

Bro. JOHN T. RICKS, of Springfield, O., sent back to the Grand Secretary the minute book of Dawkins' Military Lodge, captured during the war, which was gratefully received and courteously acknowledged.

W. Bro. R. H. WELLER delivered a brief, but telling oration.

R. W. Bro. DAWKINS presented a report on correspondence, which may be truthfully designated as "Foreign," seeing that only Grand Bodies outside of this continent are noticed.

M. W. ROBERT J. PERRY is Grand Master ; R. W. Bro. DAWKINS continues Grand Secretary.

Georgia.

ANNUAL Communication (not numbered) in the city of Macon, October 28, 1844.
Present : M. W. JOHN S. DAVIDSON, Grand Master ; R. W. Bro. J. EMMET BLACKSHEAR, Grand Secretary, and a majority of the subordinates by representation.

In a carefully prepared address the Grand Master gives an account of his stewardship, finds the general status to be satisfactory and announces the following decisions :

"2. A candidate for affiliation can apply at every regular communication if he desires.

"3. When it is discovered that an entered apprentice mason is unworthy, on account of offenses committed *before* he became a mason, he may be rejected for the fellow craft degree, but no charges can be preferred against him for such offenses, unless by his *own* concealment of the *facts*, his conduct amounted to a *fraud* upon the lodge, which fraud was equivalent to the commission of an offense subsequent to the date of his initiation.

"4. Non-affiliated masons are not entitled to masonic honors of *any kind*. This ruling has been made many times during the year. Some of the cases presented were in the nature of strong appeals, but the law is clear, and the decision rendered necessary under the provisions of the by-laws.

"5. Lodges cannot refuse a demit to an applicant if he has paid his dues and there are no charges of unmasonic conduct against him. As I understand the law of masonry in this jurisdiction the maxim is "freely come, freely go," and such is the settled policy of this Grand Lodge.

"6. If the Senior Warden's station is filled by a *pro tem.* officer who is not a Worshipful Master or Past Master, and the Worshipful Master of the lodge is compelled to retire, it is the duty of the regular Junior Warden of the lodge to take the station in the East, supplying his place in the South by a *pro tem.* appointment.

"7. Under the law of this jurisdiction a Worshipful Master, after installation, cannot resign. In his absence the Senior Warden, and in his absence the Junior Warden, must perform the Master's duties.

"8. An applicant is elected to the entered apprentice degree in one lodge. After taking it he removes into the jurisdiction of another lodge, which, at the request of the first lodge, confers on him the Fellow Craft and Master Mason degrees. He, at the request of the Worshipful Master of the lodge conferring said Fellow Craft and Master Mason degrees, enrolls his name as a member of said last named lodge. Held, that he did not thereby become a member of said lodge, but still remained a member of the lodge initiating him. His course was to procure a demit from the lodge which initiated him, if he desired to join another lodge. Membership in masonry is only obtained by ballot.

"9. There is no masonic law requiring a non-affiliated mason who desires to join a lodge to apply to the lodge nearest his legal residence.

"10. An applicant is elected to the entered apprentice degree. Before it is conferred he is guilty of an offense that renders him unworthy to receive it. Held, that the lodge can refuse to confer the degrees, and the applicant occupies the position of one rejected on first ballot.

"11. A ballot is had upon an application for initiation. One black ball appears. Held, first, by unanimous consent, further balloting may be postponed until the next regular communication. Second, that the application, by unanimous consent, may be withdrawn. The first ballot failing to elect or reject was equivalent to no ballot at all.

"12. When a mason, who is suspended for non-payment of dues, pays the amount of his indebtedness and applies for reinstatement, the lodge, before acting thereon, may appoint a committee to investigate his conduct since his suspension, and, if, authorized, may try him for any unmasonic act committed after his suspension.

"13. A minister of the gospel made application to a lodge for initiation. At the date of his application a by-law of the lodge exempted such applicant from dues. Before action on his petition, said by-law was repealed. Held, that the applicant, when he had received the degrees, was liable for dues.

"14. A mason can be tried and convicted of an offense by his lodge, even after an acquittal by the civil courts of the land.

"15. A man who has lost two joints of the thumb on the left hand can be made a mason.

"16. A suspended mason has no right to visit his own or any other lodge. During the term of his suspension, whether definite or indefinite, he is, masonically speaking, in imprisonment.

"17. It is the duty of the whole lodge, as well as the special committee of three usually appointed, to examine into the character of any applicant, and any member may report against him; and it is his duty so to do if he knows of anything rendering him unworthy.

"18. Under masonic law, either the accused or the accuser can appeal from the judgment of the lodge.

"19. A mason holding a demit is not subject to be disciplined by his lodge for refusing to place his demit in the hands of his lodge.

Concerning which we desire to remark that, while the decisions above quoted are in the main entirely in accord with the law in this jurisdiction, there are one or two important points in which we are at variance.

Under No. 10 it is properly decided that the lodge may refuse to confer the degrees; but how a man can be declared rejected without a ballot to that effect, passes our comprehension.

No. 11 differs in toto from the generally accepted law, which is that, when a ballot is begun, it must then and there be completed, and neither by unanimous consent nor otherwise can the petition be withdrawn.

Under the strict construction of the law of physical qualifications No. 15 would be almost unanimously rejected.

Five new lodges were established.

Grand Secretary BLACKSHEAR presented an interesting report on correspondence, and we acknowledge his ability so to do with the most sincere pleasure. New York, for 1884, has fraternal notice.

Our esteemed brother is not happy, however, because we do not recognize the so-called Grand Lodge of Victoria. Sorry to disagree, but when one-seventh of the lodges in a State, province or territory can form a Grand Lodge and assume jurisdiction over the other six-sevenths, the spirit of justice will always incite us to be in opposition.

Grand Master and Grand Secretary continue.

Idaho Territory.

SEVENTEENTH Annual Communication at Boise City, September 9, 1884. Present: M. W. CHESTER P. COBURN, Grand Master; R. W. JONAS W. BROWN, Grand Secretary; eleven subordinates by their representatives and those of other Grand Lodges, Bro. CHARLES HIMBOD for New York.

The annual address is brief but covers the ground occupied by the transactions of the previous year.

Says the Grand Master :

"I congratulate you upon the prosperous condition of the craft in this jurisdiction."

On the question of physical qualifications, he says this :

"PHYSICAL QUALIFICATIONS.

"I have received several letters of inquiry as to the requisite physical qualifications of candidates, and also if it was necessary to have a dispensation from the Grand Master to initiate a person that had lost a part of a finger of his left hand. I have replied to them all in substance, that although some hold that the Grand Master has almost unlimited power, 'yet the better opinion prevails that it is not the province of the Grand Master to say who shall or who shall not be admitted as a member in any particular lodge.'

"The lodge being the judge of the qualifications of its own members. 'Subject (as in all things) to any abuse of its power to the Grand Lodge.'

"That the old regulations if not followed strictly to the letter they should be in spirit.

"The book that we have adopted as the rule and guide of our faith, says 'No man is perfect; no, not one.'

"Then let him that is without spot or blemish cast the first stone.

"That the moral and intellectual qualifications should not be overlooked, 'always remembering that it is the internal and not the external qualifications that should recommend a man to be made a mason.'

A committee reported in favor of abolishing the perpetual jurisdiction over rejected candidates, which goes over to next year.

The Master and Wardens of a lodge living eighteen miles away and unable to attend its meetings, it was ordered that the warrant be surrendered, and that a dispensation be granted to resident brethren to form a new lodge.

No report on foreign correspondence, but a committee appointed to make one next year.

M. W. JOHN A. POST is Grand Master ; Grand Secretary continues.

Illinois.

FORTY-FIFTH Annual Communication in the City of Chicago, Tuesday, October 7, 1884. Present: M. W. DANIEL M. BROWNING, Grand Master; R. W. LOYAL L. MUNN, Grand Secretary. Without stopping to count, we judge that about six hundred and fifty lodges were represented.

A clearly written paper constitutes the message of the Grand Master, anent the official matters passing through his hands during the year under review.

Loving tribute is paid to the memory of the dead, the Grand Master traveling six hundred miles to attend the funeral of the venerable Grand Tyler.

Masonry in Illinois is declared to be in a most healthy and prosperous condition.

Eight dispensations to form new lodges had been granted, while a number of applications were refused.

Two charters were arrested.

Other matters of local interest only.

The report, tables, and statistics furnished by the Grand Secretary, reflect infinite credit on his fidelity and business tact.

A special report discusses the claim of some of the mushroom organizations of the past few years to establish symbolic lodges of their special persuasion, and the committee having made investigation and finding the facts to be as claimed, recommend that the Grand Lodge declare that any such lodges, as well as the body constituting them, to be clandestine, which recommendation was approved, and it becomes us to say that we fully and cheerfully coincide.

P. G. M. JOSEPH ROBBINS presented a report from the Committee on Jurisprudence which was adopted, and in which it is properly decided that:

"A member of a lodge cannot be disciplined for objecting to a brother who is not a member, visiting the lodge. Nor can his reasons for objecting be inquired into."

"The statement embodied in the other published answer, that in the trial of masonic offenses there is no statute of limitations, we also consider correct."

On the subject of retrenchment of Grand Lodge expenses, majority and minority reports were made from the committee appointed to consider the proposition; both are interesting, but much too lengthy for reproduction.

We take, however, without comment, the following from the majority report, touching a question which has received large consideration and discussion in New York:

"The declaration of the General Regulations of 1721, that 'the Grand Lodge consists of, and is formed by the Masters and Wardens of all the regular particular lodges upon record, with the Grand Master at their head,' is not merely the provision of a repealable law, but the statement of a fact; a fact of basic quality, for upon it rests the whole fabric of modern masonry. It is the Grand Lodge thus constituted, and such a Grand Lodge only, that finds warrant for its existence in the charges of a freemason, the unchangeable law of the fraternity; and thus constituted it is, therefore, an essential member of that 'body of masonry' which with each annual recurrence of the installation ceremony we all unite in agreeing, as one of the conditions of accepting or relinquishing executive authority, to be beyond the power of any man or body of men to change. The proposition, then, to change the mode of representation must be dismissed as involving the exercise of a power of which we are not lawfully possessed."

"The proposition to change the communications of the Grand Lodge from annual to biennial, though not involving, like the one just considered, the structure and therefore the identity of the institution, does involve questions fundamental in their character. The right of the craft annually to assemble and choose its own rulers antedates the General Regulations, and is coeval with the Grand Lodge itself. The guaranty of the right of appeal by the fundamental law did not and does not contemplate the tardy justice of a review of the case of a wronged brother by a Grand Lodge sitting once in two, or five, or ten years, but the speedy justice of review by a Grand Lodge meeting annually.

"Beyond these considerations, others of a minor character, but in themselves weighty, forbid a departure from the ancient usage. The Grand Lodge of Illinois shares with many other Grand Lodges the responsibility of preserving the masonry which is the common heritage of all; shares with them the necessity of frequent fraternal correspondence as the only corrective of the natural tendency to provincial narrowness which comes of isolation; and shares with them the duty of making timely protest against any departure which threatens the integrity of their common trust.

"Quite apart from these considerations, but by no means the least of the reasons which urge frequent meetings of the Grand Lodge, is the importance of the opportunities afforded by such meetings for the cultivation of that fellowship which is the essential element of masonry. Taken together they are, in the opinion of the committee conclusive against entertaining a proposition to abolish the annual communication."

The report on correspondence by M. W. THEODORE T. GURNEY is simply colossal. It opens with a table showing the organization of all the Grand Lodges on this continent, with the exception of a few whose Grand Secretaries failed to respond to the repeated inquiries of our esteemed brother.

If friend GURNEY had never done anything else for the Craft, this work ought to preserve his memory green while time lasts.

We trust he will continue, and if, then, we happen to be still on deck, we shall imitate the wolf in the fable, and swoop down on him in a reprint.

We reproduce, however, for the information of our immediate brethren, the contribution of our Grand Secretary :

"OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY, }
"NEW YORK, May, 1884. }

"Most Worshipful THEODORE T. GURNEY, Correspondent Grand Lodge Illinois :

"DEAR SIR AND BROTHER :—Your circular letter of April 20th, requesting information respecting the organization of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, finds me in possession of so few facts concerning our early existence that I am unable to answer the questions you ask as I should wish. However, I send you such data relating to the subject as we have, from which you may be able to gather some matter worthy of use in the table of information you are about preparing.

"From 1753 to 1771, R. W. GEORGE HARRISON was Provincial Grand Master of New York. Under his administration the following named lodges were warranted, viz. :

"St. John's, No. 2, Prov. (English Register 272), December 7, 1757, City of New York. Now No. 1.

"St. John's Independent Royal Arch, No. 8, Prov., December 15, 1760, City of New York. Now Independent Royal Arch, No. 2.

"Union, No. 1, February 2, 1765, City of Albany. Now Mount Vernon, No. 3.

"St. Patrick's, No. 8, May 23, 1766, Johnstown. Now No. 4.

"Masters', No. 2, March 5, 1768, City of Albany. Now No. 5.

"King David's, February 17, 1769, City of New York.

"Solomon's, No. 1, April 13, 1771, Poughkeepsie.

"Brother HARRISON was succeeded by Sir JOHN JOHNSON, who warranted :

"St. George's, No. 1, June 21, 1774, Schenectady; St. John's Regimental, No. 1, and Military Union, No. 1.

"A Provincial Grand Lodge Warrant, bearing date of September 5, 1781, was

issued by the Grand Lodge of England to the Army Lodges (English) in the City of New York, and by this authority the first regular sessions, and minutes of such sessions, were commenced, December 5, 1782.

"The lodges participating in the formation of the Grand Lodge of New York, in 1781, were :

"Lodge No. 52, held in His Majesty's 37th Regiment of Foot.

"Moriah Lodge, No. 133, held in His Majesty's 22d Regiment of Foot.

"Lodge No. 169, A. Y. M., held in the City of New York.

"Lodge No. 210, A. Y. M., held in the City of New York.

"Solomon's Lodge, No. 212, A. Y. M., held in the City of New York.

"Lodge No. 213, held in His Majesty's 4th Battalion of Royal Artillery.

"Lodge No. 215, A. Y. M., held in the 2d Regiment Brandenburg Anspach.

"Lodge No. 441, Register of Ireland, held in His Majesty's 38th Regiment, and Zion Lodge, held by Dispensation in His Majesty's 57th Regiment (warranted January 2, 1763).

"St. John's Lodge (No. 4), of the City of New York, composed of members of St. John's Lodge, No. 2, who remained loyal to the English Government, made application to and were admitted to the Grand Lodge, February 5, 1783.

"On August 5, 1783, Lodge No. 90, held in His Majesty's 33d Regiment, was admitted.

"Of the lodges participating in the formation of the Grand Lodge, all but three retired with the English army; those remaining here were Lodges 169, A. Y. M., afterwards St. Andrew's, No. 7; 210, A. Y. M., afterwards Jerusalem, and 212, A. Y. M., afterwards St. Patrick's.

"M. W. Bro. WALTER was Grand Master until September 19, 1783, when the Grand East was filled by the election of M. W. Bro. Wm. Cock and at this date the independent existence of the Grand Lodge of New York began.

"In the following year, 1784, the Grand Lodge was joined by the following lodges, viz.:

"St. John's, No. 2. (Now No. 1.)

"St. John's Ind. Royal Arch, No. 8. (Now No. 2.)

"Union, No. 1. (Now Mount Vernon, No. 3.)

"St. Patrick's, No. 8. (Now No. 4.)

"Masters', No. 2. (Now No. 5.)

"Solomon's, No. 1. (Not represented since 1827.)

"St. John's Regimental, No. 1.

"In April, 1789, St. George's, No. 1 (now No. 6), was represented in the Grand Lodge.

"Fraternally yours,

"E. M. L. EHLERS, *Grand Secretary.*"

New York for 1884 has lengthy notice. After warmly approving the views of Grand Master SIMMONS, he says :

"A resolution was presented asking for the recognition of the 'Grand Lodge of New South Wales.' It was referred to the Committee on Correspondence for report at the next annual communication. We do not bring to mind the views of Brother SIMMONS upon this subject, but our sincere hope is, that he will not sanction the monstrous, un-masonic assumption, that an insignificant minority of about thirteen lodges shall be permitted to dictate to some sixty or seventy others of the same territorial jurisdiction, in the organization of a Grand Body. If we are correctly informed, none of the original lodges in existence in New South Wales at the time of this so-called organization (except those at the time implicated in the affair) have united with it, and that the gain of lodges reported on its register are those created by it, and of course not entitled to consideration in determining the legitimacy of the body; because, if the so-called Grand Lodge came into existence without authority, its creations are clandestine."

If our esteemed brother will read our special report on this subject in the present issue, he will, we guess, find us moderately sound on the question.

He agrees with us that a candidate who can conform to ritualistic requirements is sufficiently sound for initiation.

A lengthy extract is made from the report on German Grand Lodges.

We note that Bro. GURNEX, in this report, abandons the alphabetical order to which we have so long been accustomed, but at the same time he furnishes a directory by the help of which any particular jurisdiction can be found without inconvenience.

Taking it all in all, we regard this report as the "boss."

M. W. JOHN R. THOMAS is Grand Master ; Grand Secretary, LOYAL L. MUNN, continues.

Indiana.

SIXTY-FIFTH Stated Meeting at Indianapolis, May 27, 1884. Present : M. W. BRUCE CARR, Grand Master ; R. W. WILLIAM H. SMYTHE, Grand Secretary ; the representatives of four hundred and fifty-seven chartered lodges.

The Grand Master presented his annual address, and having in advance put on his working clothes, plunges at once into the business in hand, recounting his official acts without needless verbiage.

The interim, it will be recollected, had been for two years, and the result had been to enable the Grand Officers to reduce the debt on their property considerably more than half, so that another similar interregnum would leave the Grand Lodge not only out of debt, but with money in the treasury.

The recommendation was adopted.

Affectionate tribute is paid to the memory of the late M. W. THOS. R. AUSTIN, who died February 5, 1884, in his 74th year.

Having known the deceased for many years, this Committee respectfully joins in the tribute to his memory.

The Trustees presented a very cheering report, pledging themselves that if another adjournment for two years were had, they would at the next meeting present the evidence that the entire indebtedness had been canceled.

Five warrants for the constitution of new lodges were granted, and the surrender of eight previously existing lodges accepted.

Recognition of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales was deferred for two years, while on the other hand the Grand Lodge of Victoria having even less claim to regularity than Wales, was recognized.

Various representatives from other Grand Lodges, among them M. W. MARTIN H. RICE for England, were received and cordially welcomed.

A very pleasant report on correspondence covering most of the Grand Lodges on this continent of 1882 and 1883 was submitted, in which New York has pleasant notice for both those years.

M. W. ALBERT P. CHARLES is Grand Master ; Grand Secretary continues.

Indian Territory.

TENTH Annual Communication, town of A-to-ka, Choctaw Nation, November 4, 1884. Present : M. W. EDMOND H. DOYLE, Grand Master ; R. W. JOSEPH S. MURROW Grand Secretary ; the representatives of sixteen lodges.

After opening the Grand Lodge an address of welcome was delivered by the Master of Oklahoma Lodge, and pleasant response made by the Grand Master.

The annual address is a brief summary of official labors performed, announcing that peace and harmony prevail; that four dispensations had been granted to establish new lodges, and a selection from decisions rendered, none of which present any novel feature.

The Grand Lecturer presented an encouraging report of his work.

The Grand Orator delivered a brief address entitled "A few thoughts on Masonry."

The Grand Secretary reports in detail the business of his office, and again gives honorable mention to our R. W. Bro. ALFRED B. PRICE for contributions to the library which is gradually increasing.

Warrants were granted for the setting up at housekeeping of four new lodges.

The several degrees were exemplified by the Grand Lecturer and assistants to the general satisfaction.

Grand Secretary MURROW presented a very fair report on correspondence, in which New York, for 1884, has pleasant notice.

He remarks that having possibly been mistaken in recommending the recognition of Foreign Grand Lodge, he proposes in future to take more time and be sure he is right before going ahead. Correct.

Grand Master and Grand Secretary re-elected.

Iowa.

Forty-first Annual Communication at Council Bluffs, June 3, 1884. Present: M. W. GEORGE B. VAN SAUN, Grand Master; R. W. THEO. S. PARVIN, Grand Secretary, and a constitutional number of subordinates by their representatives.

A rather amusing circumstance occurred in the absence of the Grand Secretary and his assistants, by reason of court proceedings being taken against them for acts performed by order of the Grand Lodge on account of an unworthy member.

The annual address is a lengthy and carefully prepared document, giving evidence of a most exemplary attention to duty and an unflagging devotion to the interests of the craft of the jurisdiction.

Thirteen new lodges were constituted, nine dispensations continued, and thirteen letters issued to constitute new lodges.

This is a remarkable showing, and while we concede to Iowa the probability of its being better acquainted with its own business than others can be, still it seems to us that some of these new babies will be found to be lacking in sufficient vitality to bear the stress of continued existence.

There must be a great deal of ozone in the air breathed by these respected Western brethren.

The following excerpt may be read with interest and profit:

"ORIGINAL JURISDICTION OF GRAND LODGES.

"You will pardon me if I give a few words relative to this subject, to the minds of some brothers, '*great bugbear*,'—the original jurisdiction of Grand Lodges, or

Grand Lodge original jurisdiction over the members of her constituent lodges. It was stated by an opponent of this measure at the last Grand Lodge, that any one of the twenty thousand Masons in Iowa could be brought to the bar of this Grand Lodge, and made to answer charges, etc., if this principle should be enforced. I answer, in all candor, Why not? If the constituent lodge will not do her duty, then let the Grand Lodge do hers, and if the brother is guilty declare him so and punish accordingly. I feel assured that not one of the twenty thousand Masons in Iowa need fear in the least being called upon to answer any charge at the bar of this Grand Lodge, unless there should be cause for it. The guilty *alone* need fear trouble at this tribunal. It has been said if a constituent lodge does not do her duty, arrest her charter. True, this can be done, but look at the result. By so doing a majority of a lodge might be punished because the minority of the same will not do their duty, and thereby the usefulness of the lodge be destroyed for a long time, perhaps forever, and even then let the guilty go unpunished. No, I would say, so long as there may be no direct law for such extreme cases, commend those brethren who are willing to do their duty, and reprehend with justice those who will not do theirs. And let the Grand Lodge show forth her supreme authority that the guilty must be punished—not through malice or revenge, but that the ends of justice may be subserved and her dignity firmly established before the world. I agree most fully with the language uttered by Bro. REED, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Washington, relative to a case where the Grand Lodge of Idaho expelled two members of a constituent lodge because the lodge would not do her duty. 'It is all well enough to talk and expatiate upon the finely-spun theory that subordinate lodges, no matter how *recusant* they may be, must have original and *exclusive* jurisdiction in all matters of trial and discipline of masonic offenders. In ordinary cases it will do very well, but with an experience of more than a third of a century in the masonic harness, we know that it don't *always* work. When we find a dominant, rebellious spirit in a lodge, destructive of every essential element of masonic harmony and good sense—as appears from the Idaho case—let the Grand Lodge exert its sovereign power and without any circumlocution put a *quietus* to the whole matter, as right, reason, and good sense dictate it should do.' To all of which I say *amen*. I do not agree with some of my brethren, that because the Grand Lodge has no direct law of her own to meet such isolated cases, that therefore, if the constituent lodge does not, through some technicality, punish the offenders, the Grand Lodge should allow their cases to go unpunished."

While on general principles we agree with the foregoing, it is desired to express the idea that the lodge of which the accused is a member has the first right to exercise its preliminary jurisdiction, while at the same time the member has an indefeasible right to be tried by his particular lodge, the power of the Grand Lodge, these preliminary proceedings having been taken, to assume jurisdiction cannot be questioned, and our notion is that it is better to let the lodge do a temporary injustice than for the appellate body to assume original jurisdiction while it has the undoubted power to correct any or all irregularities or miscarriage of justice.

The Grand Master rather favors legislation to compel weak lodges to consolidate. With every possible respect we doubt the power of the Grand Lodge to do anything of the sort. When the membership of a lodge falls below the number required to warrant a dispensation, the Grand Lodge, in behalf of the interests of the jurisdiction and in the exercise of its legitimate powers may require a surrender of the warrant, but, under the reserved rights of lodges and masons, the act of consolidation must depend upon the voluntary consent of the parties in interest; because, among other reasons, no member can be imposed upon a lodge nor any brother forced to join a lodge except upon his own motion.

The report of Bro. PARVIN as Grand Secretary and Grand Librarian is, as usual, a full detail of the business transacted during the year, as well as presenting numerous suggestions to make the laws more effective and to shore up the already solid walls of the Temple.

His tribute to the Fraternal dead, including Bro. WM. B. LANGRIDGE, one of the ripest scholars and most gifted writers the craft has ever known, is worthy of his friendship and his pen.

The library report including supplemental catalogue, makes us feel proud, though it is hardly within the possibilities that we shall ever see the collection itself.

The proceedings involved an enormous amount of legislation relating entirely to matters concerning the jurisdiction of Iowa.

The report on correspondence, by Bro. THEO. S. PARVIN, is voluminous, brilliant, and in every way creditable to one of the most learned and practised quills in the Fraternity.

New York, for 1883, has extended and exceedingly pleasant notice. The reference to our report makes us feel that praise from Sir HUBERT STANLEY is praise indeed.

On the seventh day of May, preceding the Annual Communication, the Grand Lodge was convened in special session for the purpose of laying the foundation stone of the Library building (a cut of which is published) at Cedar Rapids, full details of the ceremonial being furnished.

M. W. CHARLES T. GRANGER is Grand Master; Grand Secretary continues.

Kansas.

TWENTY-EIGHTH Annual Communication at Lawrence, February 20, 1884. Present: M. W. GEORGE S. GREEN, Grand Master; R. W. JOHN H. BROWN, Grand Secretary; the representatives of one hundred and fifty-three lodges.

The year in Kansas had been commercially and masonically prosperous. Twelve dispensations to establish new lodges had been granted, and as many more refused.

Nine of these were changed into warrants and three continued.

With every possible deference we are of opinion that the brethren would be substantially benefited if no more dispensations issued for a year or so.

With our teeming population of five millions we have not created half a dozen lodges in ten years, while, on the other hand, the failure of an established lodge is about as rare as a white blackbird.

The M. W. Bro. refused all dispensations to enable lodges to solicit help to build halls or buy furniture, and thinks as we do that, in such matters, each should be sufficient unto itself.

The following accurately describes the New York practice:

"CONFERRING DEGREES OUT OF TIME.

"I have granted during the year six dispensations to confer degrees out of time, and I am inclined to think now it was six too many. I have tried to eliminate this evil altogether, but humanity is weak. When a good brother calls you up during the silent watch of low twelve and asks you to go to your office and issue a dispensation to confer the third degree upon some bright fellow craft who wants to start to Europe the next day, and pleads eloquently for the good of the

craft to relax the iron rule, just once, resistance is vain, you come down, the dispensation is granted, and another mason is sent forth into the world who cannot tell how he got there.

"Some Grand Lodges have abolished all dispensations except for the establishment of new lodges, and correcting the errors that sometimes arise in the election of officers. Such a constitutional provision would relieve Grand Masters of a great deal of labor and responsibility, and would, in my opinion, in the end be beneficial to the craft."

Grand Secretary BROWN makes an elaborate report, which should be carefully examined by the constituency.

A communication from R. W. STEPHEN M. WRIGHT, representative of Kansas, near New York, was received and printed in the transactions.

This strikes us as an excellent thing both ways; first, as showing the interest of the representative, and secondly, his encouragement to persevere by the official recognition of his principal.

A pleasant episode occurred in the presentation by the Grand Secretary of the two remaining survivors of those who assisted in organizing the Grand Lodge, both over eighty years of age, and still in the enjoyment of reasonably good health.

The Grand Master tendered them a kindly and fraternal greeting, which we greatly approve. Day by day the elders are passing to the majority beyond the silent river and a loving word to them now and again can never be out of place.

A revised constitution was reported, approved, and referred to the lodges for confirmation.

M. W. Bro. JOHN H. BROWN presented another of his carefully prepared and scholarly addresses on foreign correspondence worthy of all commendation, and sure to add to the masonic knowledge of all who give it thoughtful perusal.

In it New York, for 1883, has elaborate and decidedly pleasant notice.

The annual address of Grand Master FLAGLER has liberal citation and approval.

The report of Grand Librarian, R. W. Bro. CARTER, has special commendation, as has the report of this committee.

We make our best bow and respectfully ask that when Bro. JOHN again has occasion to write our name he be more chary of the "M's."

We reproduce and call attention to his concluding remarks:

"We here halt for the year. While the labor spent in the preparation of the foregoing report has not been lighter than that incident to former efforts, the pleasure has been greatly enhanced, because many of the questions have been settled, which once were a source of wordy warfare, if not real antagonism between Grand Masters and members of the "Guild," but chiefly because there is manifested a general disposition to harmonize all discordances, and render craft masonry a unit in our country. This is due to the fact that the number of reading brethren has been largely increased; and, as they who read generally reflect, to them we must look for that degree of concord in purpose and action, necessary to enable the craft to carry out in full their principles, and thus become prominent and permanent factors in bettering the social and moral condition of our race. To such in this jurisdiction, we earnestly appeal to aid and assist those who bear the torch, and are engaged in diffusing light. Growing in the number of lodges and fast increasing in membership, no brother should neglect the opportunity to promote the advancement of himself and his brethren in all that tends to make his lodge a power for good in the community of its location. And when you are assured that masonry was never so strong and influential as to-day, we think you will have sufficient incentive to put forth your best efforts in behalf of the best institution ever devised by the wit and wisdom of man.

"Sincerely wishing every brother in this jurisdiction the full measure of peace and prosperity sure to follow him who leads an upright, masonic life, we close this report with the expression of every sentiment of respect and esteem for those who have been our co-laborers for the years now numbered with the past."

M. W. J. JAY BUCK is Grand Master ; Grand Secretary continues.

Kentucky.

EIGHTY-FIFTH Annual Communication at Louisville, October 21, 1884. Present : M. W. HOWARD R. FRENCH, Grand Master ; R. W. HIRAM BASSETT, Grand Secretary, aided by the remaining Grand officers and the representatives of about four hundred lodges.

The annual message opens with notice of the Fraternal dead, among whom are named three Past Grand Masters, THOS. SADDLER, DERRICK WARNER and CHARLES TILDEN, and THOMAS L. JEFFERSON, Sr., for many years President of Widow and Orphans' Home.

The decisions reported are as follows :

"1. Where the Grand Lodge on appeal declares a trial 'irregular,' it is equivalent under the provisions of the constitution to remanding the case for a new trial, and the status of the accused is that of a member under charges, and he is not entitled to a demit until they are disposed of.

"2. A witness before a committee of investigation is not disqualified from voting. Every member of the lodge in good standing is entitled to vote.

"3. If an officer of a lodge is subsequently elected to a different office, he cannot be installed in that office until his successor in the former office is elected and installed. If the latter refuses to be installed the former must hold his position, and the office to which he is last elected is held by the incumbent.

"4. Where the lodge having jurisdiction rejects a petition for initiation, the applicant may, after the lapse of twelve months, and subject to other restrictions, petition any other lodge having jurisdiction.

"5. Where the penalty is reprimand and it is inflicted, a motion for a new trial is not in order. The remedy is by appeal to the Grand Lodge.

"6. Any member of the lodge has the right of appeal, and therefore the right to move for a new trial ; and this whether the accused is adjudged innocent or guilty.

"7. When the by-laws of a lodge are silent on the subject, a petitioner who neglects to present himself for initiation until three years have elapsed, should be required to petition anew. Although the constitution fixes no limit, it evidently contemplated that the petitioner should take advantage of the privilege within a reasonable time.

"8. A brother who has been adjudged insane is not amenable to masonic process, and cannot be suspended for non-payment of dues."

We remark that while No. 4 is not the law in New York, nor elsewhere that we call to mind, except Kentucky, still we greatly favor it and gladly note the tendency of public opinion in that direction of the Kentucky regulation.

Referring to No. 5, "That where a penalty has been assessed and inflicted, the remedy is by appeal to the Grand Lodge," we fail to perceive what possible ground there can be for an appeal. The transaction is complete and the penalty suffered. We disclaim the right of the Grand Lodge to order a new trial, though it might take the lodge to task for error committed.

The Grand Secretary's report is a matter of infinite detail, very much to the credit of R. W. Bro. BASSETT.

A very great deal of business was transacted, but not of special interest to outside barbarians.

Bro. JAMES W. STATON presented a soul-inspiring report on correspondence, the value of which only those will know who sit down quietly and thoughtfully read it.

New York, for 1884, has elaborate and fraternal notice. The address of Grand Master J. EDWARD SIMMONS has kindly notice and quotation; the Grand Secretary is complimented for his report as a clear and concise business paper, and he further says:

"One of the most interesting reports to this writer in the volume is the report of the Grand Librarian, and on receipt of the New York proceedings we involuntarily turn to and devour it before we even look at 'Uncle JOHN's' report to see how badly we have been flogged. This report contains a complete and correct list of 'Masonic Magazines and Periodicals,' in the library. The list makes about six and a half pages. Many of these are very rare and valuable. Bro. CARTER, the efficient librarian, is doing a good work for the library, and we hope he will receive the encouragement from the craft of the Empire State that he deserves. He went into office without experience, but he is learning fast and order is brought out of chaos. Depend on this writer, Bro. CARTER, for we will give you all the aid we can. We are engaged in the same business for our Grand Lodge, and we have a wondrous fellow-feeling for any one struggling in the library business."

The report of this committee has abundant commendation and its opinions are frequently cited throughout the work.

Like a great many others he remarks pleasantly upon the comparative shortness of our reports. We shall take occasion before this year's work is finished to say a few words on this subject.

This report, made under appalling difficulties, including illness of the first-born, death of the loving mother, failing eye-sight, and other matters, would seem to raise the writer to the position of a hero when the splendid results of his work are considered, and we hope some of these days to take him by the hand and tell him by word of mouth how much we appreciate his work.

M. W. JNO. G. ORNDORFF is Grand Master; Grand Secretary continues.

Louisiana.

SEVENTY-THIRD Annual Communication in the city of New Orleans, February 9, 1885. Present: M. W. JAMES L. LOBDELL, Grand Master (whose portrait leads the volume); R. W. JAMES C. BATCHELOR, M.D., Grand Secretary; the representatives of fifty-two chartered lodges.

The annual address is a clear and cogent treatment of the various matters claiming the attention of the Grand Master during the year under review. As usual the subjects considered largely relate to the private affairs of the jurisdiction, which, according to our idea, the rest of us have no right to criticise.

The following, however, if generally adopted, would relieve Grand Masters from a heavy tax upon their time, prevent Tom, Dick and Harry from taking matters into their own hands and enable the Grand Master to proceed upon purely official grounds:

"On behalf of my successors, I would suggest that the Grand Lodge adopt some enactment that will prohibit any official recognition by either the Grand Master or the Grand Secretary, of any correspondence coming from the members of the lodges of this jurisdiction, except from the Worshipful Master himself, or acting Master, or endorsed by him, or from the Secretary, under the seal of the lodge, or by appeal.

"I think such a provision necessary, because many of the brethren think that, because the Grand Master does not at once interfere in their behalf, he is either neglecting his duties, or too exalted in position to pay any attention to a brother's complaint or petition; and yet, in nine cases out of ten, the Grand Master knows nothing personally of the brother or his grievance, and he must either be oppressed with correspondence, or accused of disregarding a brother, or willfully or lazily neglecting his duty."

The report of the Grand Secretary is a marvel of detail, showing close attention to business and exceeding ability in transacting and recording the same.

The annual report of Louisiana Relief Lodge was presented. The receipts were, in round numbers, \$1900, and the disbursements within \$40, of the same amount. Among those assisted, applicants from New York received \$140.

Freemasons's day at the New Orleans exposition was appropriately celebrated. The addresses of welcome by Grand Master LOBDELL, and Senior Grand Warden CHAS. F. BUCK, with the responses of Governors FURNASS and YOUNG, are printed in full.

They were eloquent and appropriate, but we do not feel authorized to reproduce them, as we should like to do.

The report on correspondence is simply a brief treatise on selected subjects, and, as we understand it, affords no clue to the general condition of the Fraternity.

That part of the report having reference to lodges in South America and Mexico, is very interesting and valuable, and we shall carefully preserve it for future reference.

M. W. DAVID R. GRAHAM is Grand Master: R. W. Bro. BATCHELOR continues Grand Secretary.

A very fine portrait of retiring Grand Master LOBDELL adorns the volume.

Maine.

SIXTY-FIFTH Annual Communication at Portland, May 6, 1884. Present: M. W. WM. R. G. ESTES, Grand Master; R. W. IRA BERRY, Grand Secretary; the representatives of one hundred and sixty-four subordinates with the usual number of Grand and Past Grand officers and representatives of other Grand Lodges, among which New York is not.

Harmony, and therefore prosperity, prevail throughout our jurisdiction, is one of the opening and pleasant sentences of the annual address.

The Fraternal dead, including M. W. JOSEPH C. STEVENS, have affectionate remembrance.

The first white settler of Portland having been recognized by a monument, the Grand Master, with suitable assistance, presided at the unvailing.

Under the head of Dispensations, the Grand Master reports that he had granted authority for the establishment of one new lodge, refused another, as also an application for a charter, which he frankly admits he had no power to grant. "If only the brethren would read."

From the decisions we copy the following, those omitted being clearly based upon local regulations :

"It is necessary to refer an application for degrees to the Committee of Inquiry at the stated communication at which it was received, in order to act upon it at the next.

"2. It is proper for a lodge to issue a duplicate dimit to a brother who has lost the original.

"3. It is not proper, nor should a brother be allowed, to wear in a Master Mason's funeral procession a Royal Arch Mason's apron. It would be just as proper for a Master Mason who is an Odd Fellow to wear the regalia of that order, as for one who is a Royal Arch Mason to wear in a Blue Lodge, the apron of that degree.

"4. The Grand Master has no authority to restore surrendered charters or change the location of a lodge. Charters once surrendered are held by the Grand Lodge, and can be restored by no other authority.

"5. A brother who is a member of a lodge in good standing is entitled to all the rights and benefits of masonry, no matter what misfortune may befall him mentally.

"6. A brother three years in arrears of dues, having had notice of the same, is not entitled to a letter under seal certifying that he is a member in good standing.

"8. A masonic hall may be built and situated as most convenient, without conforming to the cardinal points of the compass. The language of the ritual pertaining to the situation of lodges is symbolical and not arbitrary in meaning, except in a ritual sense. It can hardly be presumed that, when our ancient brethren met on high hills or in deep vales, they always found the situation conforming to the language of our ritual.

"9. One of my deputies inquired whether he 'would have any right to change the boundary line established by a predecessor, and recorded in the D. D. Grand Master's book and in the records of the lodge, even though an error had been committed in computing distances ; also how far he was bound by the recorded decisions of his predecessor.'

"To the first question my reply was : I know of no law authorizing a D. D. Grand Master to fix or change lodge jurisdiction. Boundary lines are established by the constitution, or, in other words, the constitution fixes the jurisdiction of every lodge.

"My answer to the second was : Only so far as they have been confirmed by the Grand Lodge.

"10. The Tyler's neglect to vote, or ask to be excused from voting, on the suspension of a brother *does not invalidate* the proceedings.

"11. The Master of a lodge made the following inquiry : 'According to our by-laws our regular meetings occur on Saturday, on or before the full of the moon. The moon falls January, 12th day, 10th hour, 48 minutes, morning. When is our meeting to be held ?'

"Answer. Your next stated communication should be held on Saturday, January 12th. The intention of the by-law is that stated meetings shall be held on the Saturday on which the moon falls, whether at one hour of the day or at another. When the moon falls on any day but Saturday, your stated meetings should be held on the Saturday preceding.

"12. 'Lodges of Instruction' may be held under proper regulations.

"In the face of what some of my predecessors and this Grand Lodge have done, I should hardly feel at liberty to render a negative decision in this matter. And yet, to be consistent with my own well-established ideas, I have ventured to qualify my decision so that such a body of assembled masons may be under some legitimate head or control.

"I acknowledge the fact that so-called Lodges of Instruction have been held in some of our large cities under the authority of Grand Masters and this Grand Lodge, but they were held in regular masonic halls, and presided over by brethren duly qualified to instruct others less informed—all of which meets my unqualified approval.

"Now the question naturally arises, have not masons a right to assemble—two, four or six, and if six, why not twenty or any number,—to lecture for mutual improvement? The difficulty is in fixing the boundary line, but it must be fixed somewhere, if we would preserve our dignity and the rights of chartered lodges. I condemn in toto the unauthorized assembly of masons in some attic chamber, with improvised seats, stations, tin jewels and a flour barrel for an altar! It seems to me that the limit should be on the side of the line where there can be no appearance of a regularly constituted lodge. Masons of to-day are well provided for. Turn where we will, in almost every locality we find masonic lodges. Surely, then, it cannot be a great inconvenience for zealous brethren to visit some one of our numerous lodges to either impart or receive instruction. We can hardly expect to have lodges even in all 'well regulated families.'

All of which we cordially approve.

The degree of Master Mason was exemplified in presence of the Grand Lodge.

The report of the committee on the condition of the Fraternity presents the conclusions that it is proper for lodges to join in any public respect to the chief magistrate of the nation or of mourning at his decease. Also commending fraternal visits between lodges.

Both are consonant with the New York practice.

A resolution having been offered, the record states that it was refused a passage. We recommend a couple of cathartic pills.

M. W. Bro. J. H. DRUMMOND again presented the report on correspondence, and we take occasion to say that rarely, if ever, has he done himself greater credit.

New York, for 1883, has copious notice. Among other things said about us we find the following :

"The Grand Master devotes considerable space to the present law of New York in relation to non-payment of dues: we confess that we have not understood that law: it seems that it is less severe than our own, for the delinquent is merely deprived of membership, and left free to join any lodge, *without paying his arrears*. At any rate, this can and has been done, he says, in other jurisdictions: we are not sure that he means that it can be done in New York, for he says that the Grand Lodge may prohibit it within the jurisdiction, but cannot make that prohibition effective in other jurisdictions. We confess to surprise at his statement, if the law of his Grand Lodge deprives such an unaffiliated mason of the right to become a member of another lodge until his arrearages are paid, except, possibly, in the few jurisdictions in which dual membership is allowed. We had supposed that the production of a dimit, or proof equivalent to its production, is necessary to gain membership in a lodge: and we should deem it a gross violation of masonic law and comity, if a lodge should admit as a member a mason who had been a member of a lodge in another jurisdiction, and who neither produces a dimit or proof equivalent to its production. The matter was referred to a committee, but no report was made thereon."

Our respected brother starts out on wrong premises. The Grand Lodge of New York does not allow members who are unaffiliated to join other lodges without payment of arrears, for the reason that, no one can voluntarily unaffiliate without full payment and that one disciplined for non-payment cannot receive any docu-

ment upon which to claim admission in another lodge. But when a member goes abroad and says as he truly may that he is an unaffiliate and some lodge in a foreign jurisdiction—by foreign we mean outside of the United States—is willing to receive him it is difficult to see how we are to make that lodge our collecting agent or find any fault with their affiliation of one we have officially declared an unaffiliate, especially in view of the law we have declared that an unaffiliate may join any lodge willing to accept him, without regard to residence.

It will be well to remember that the American system of dimits is neither known nor practiced abroad, it being held in other countries that the certificate given to each initiate is to cover all eventualities and other lodges are at liberty to take him or not as may suit their inclination.

Outside of the legend of the third degree there is little or no community of practice between the yankees and outside barbarians.

Touching the library he has this to say :

"We have been much interested in the report of the Grand Librarian, Bro. HERMAN G. CARTER. Since the time of the lamented ROBERT H. THOMAS until last year, but little attention was given to the library, and as a consequence it got into disorder, the files of current Proceedings and magazines were not kept up, and we fear many valuable documents were lost. This fear arises from the fact that Proceedings which are now called for we know were in the library when Bro. THOMAS had charge of it: for instance, we know that it contained a full set of the original Proceedings of our Grand Lodge, and now those for 1835, 1841, 1842, 1844, 1845, and 1846 do not appear to be there. Bro. CARTER claims the most complete set of Proceedings, original and reprints, in existence: this was the case ten years ago, but now we think it is not; for during that time others have been 'filling gaps,' while in that library they have been suffered to increase. However, Bro. CARTER is rapidly gaining ground, and we greatly regret that the Grand Lodge felt unable to adopt the very wise recommendations which he made. He had bound 369 volumes during the year and a small appropriation for that purpose was again made. 'Eternal vigilance is the price' of a good library as well as 'of liberty.'"

According to Bro. DRUMMOND, the Grand Lodge of Maine holds the law that when a vacancy occurs in the office of Warden, it may be filled as the Grand Lodge may direct, because the law in such case is not a landmark, but simply a regulation though personally he does not agree.

We received our inspiration from the Ancient Charges and see no reason to change the views heretofore expressed.

Again: Bro. DRUMMOND, referring to our report says:...

"He holds that if a resident of a jurisdiction goes to England and takes the degrees, we cannot help ourselves, and that when the authorities in those places ask us, 'What are you going to do about it?' the answer is not ready. We beg his pardon, but in Maine a very effective answer is ready. We say, 'We will not recognize him as a mason.' If all American Grand Lodges would take this stand (except in cases in which it should clearly appear that the candidate was not in fault), the practice would soon cease, as our experience in Maine has fully proved."

We are all inclined to feel like Maine, but we are brought face to face with the fact that in refusing recognition to one made a mason in a regular lodge we are violating one of the foundation precepts of the Institution as well as attempting to make our regulations effective beyond our jurisdiction....

The most we can do is to refuse admission to such a brother, but it is going too far to say that he is not a mason.

We again take the liberty with many thanks of transferring the carefully prepared tables which Bro. DRUMMOND presents under the head of statistics:

STATISTICS.

We append our usual table. So few of the Grand Lodges report rejections that we have omitted that column from our Table.

GRAND LODGES.	Members.	Raised.	Admitted and Restored.	Withdrawn.	Expelled.	Suspended.	Susp'd for non-payment of dues.	Died.
Alabama,.....	7,878	380	460	352	11	8	365	141
Arkansas,.....	10,209	602	445	439	16	11	349	171
Arizona,.....	355	44	83	21	.....	1	1	9
British Columbia,.....	293	13	19	4	.....	.....	*4	5
California,.....	13,579	839	800	473	7	2	228	211
Canada,.....	18,442	1,258	522	771	.....	5	551	168
Colorado,.....	2,918	276	263	145	3	2	41	25
Connecticut,.....	14,942	508	132	112	3	5	74	207
Dakota,.....	1,533	217	139	74	1	.....	23	13
Delaware,.....	1,378	52	5	14	3	.....	*6	10
Dist. of Columbia,.....	2,904	152	95	54	.....	.....	107	57
Florida,†.....	2,117	162	124	100	1	.....	*76	34
Georgia,.....	10,355	504	419	499	.....	.....	*341	163
Idaho,.....	438	27	13	9	.....	.....	*7	7
Illinois,.....	44,007	22,33	1,070	1,548	41	.....	*838	397
Indiana,†.....	23,700	981	707	956	76	24	731	303
Indian Territory,.....	533	73	31	38	2	.....	*7	9
Iowa,.....	19,715	1,475	877	1,097	16	17	.....	181
Kansas,.....	11,353	864	713	631	8	.....	*161	107
Kentucky,.....	15,565	837	627	637	16	.....	*631	227
Louisiana,.....	4,199	153	115	90	1	.....	*113	123
Maine,.....	19,650	772	237	329	2	8	342	228
Manitoba,.....	1,092	176	195	44	.....	2	35	7
Maryland,.....	4,759	110	43	48	.....	2	63	30
Massachusetts,.....	26,583	1,216	1,563	301	3	.....	293	339
Michigan,.....	27,181	1,379	612	789	32	.....	*599	294
Minnesota,.....	8,065	647	305	443	4	6	183	104
Mississippi,.....	8,897	299	512	298	5	13	294	183
Missouri,.....	24,594	1,122	1,390	1,004	26	29	471	326
Montana,.....	939	63	54	44	2	.....	21	15
Nebraska,.....	4,417	464	336	257	3	.....	*55	27
Nevada,.....	1,247	44	61	76	1	.....	57	*22
New Brunswick,.....	1,961	104	37	119	.....	.....	*97	24
New Hampshire,.....	7,987	303	427	87	4	.....	77	113
New Jersey,†.....	11,946	546	253	226	6	2	249	152
New Mexico,.....	321	47	35	16	.....	.....	*4	5
New York,.....	70,700	3,682	1,909	924	25	.....	2,744	986
North Carolina,.....	8,065	310	204	143	3	9	226	97
Nova Scotia,.....	2,301	192	63	113	.....	.....	65	29
Ohio,.....	31,359	1,818	1,350	902	72	20	1,259	396
Oregon,.....	2,981	162	129	91	1	3	35	31
Pennsylvania,.....	35,829	1,881	586	482	.....	.....	†746	483
P. E. Island,.....	454	11	5	31	.....	.....	26	1
Quebec,.....	2,840	200	113	82	.....	.....	146	27
Rhode Island,.....	3,654	130	169	29	1	1	80	39
South Carolina,.....	5,201	240	.....	136	.....	.....	*229	88
Tennessee,.....	15,434	579	738	676	7	21	285	293
Texas,.....	17,514	998	1,190	1,342	69	.....	*290	337
Utah,.....	468	24	19	17	2	.....	8	10
Vermont,.....	7,739	351	132	176	3	2	82	80
Virginia,.....	9,053	.....	57	314	9	11	191	134
Washington,.....	1,390	182	148	70	4	4	12	10
West Virginia,.....	3,500	226	100	82	3	2	80	42
Wisconsin,.....	11,903	664	301	300	4	.....	*108	183
Wyoming,†.....	384	80	19	15	.....	.....	.....	2
Total.....	587,321	30,620	20,906	18,070	496	205	13,993	7,600

* Including suspensions for all causes.

† Same as last year.

‡ Including suspensions and expulsions.

COMPARISON OF STATISTICS.

	G. Lodges.	Totals.	G. Lodges.	Totals.	G. Lodges.	Totals.
	1884.	1884.	1883.	1883.	1882.	1882.
Members,	55	587,321	55	579,826	54	566,149
Raised,	54	30,620	54	28,374	52	22,829
Admissions, etc.,	54	20,906	53	20,908	52	18,630
Dimissions,	55	18,070	54	20,165	53	15,259
Expulsions,	52	496	52	644	50	596
Suspensions,	34	205	36	350	34	280
" npt. dues,	54	13,993	54	14,549	51	15,750
Deaths,	55	7,600	55	7,474	53	6,956

This again shows a gain in the total membership, as well as in the number raised, while the number dimitted and suspended has decreased.

Two new warrants were granted and several applications refused.

A resolution of thanks was voted to Bro. E. T. SCHULTZ of Baltimore, for a volume formerly in the library of the Grand Lodge of Maine and which Bro. SCHULTZ found in a second-hand bookstore in his city.

M. W. WM. R. G. ESTES is Grand Master ; R. W. IRA BERRY continues Grand Secretary.

Maryland.

ONE HUNDRED AND NINETY-FIFTH Semi-Annual Communication at Baltimore, May 13, 1884. Present: M. W. Bro. JOHN B. TYSON, Grand Master ; R. W. Jos. H. MEDAIRE, Grand Secretary, and a due representation of lodges.

But little of general interest appears in the annual address except that a careful examination shows the state of the Craft to be generally satisfactory and the financial condition improving.

The report of the Lodge of Relief shows good work.

The library is in less flourishing condition than could be hoped, but doubtless, this is in a measure due to the frequent calls made upon the brethren for more imperative necessities.

Bro. WM. J. WROTH presented an exceedingly good report on correspondence.

New York has pleasant remembrance for 1883, the work of our Grand Librarian and the Board of Relief receiving special commendation.

The Grand officers continue.

Massachusetts.

We are indebted to M. W. SERENO D. NICKERSON, Grand Secretary, for the proceedings, which enables us to escape, by the skin of our teeth, the casualty of leaving this venerable Grand Lodge out of the list on the present occasion.

The Annual Communication was held in the city of Boston, December 10, 1884. Present: M. W. ABRAHAM H. HOWLAND, Jr., Grand Master ; R. W. SERENO D. NICKERSON, Grand Secretary ; a very large representation from the constituent lodges.

The annual address is lengthy and an able setting forth of the business of the Grand Lodge.

A dispensation had been granted to establish a new lodge in the city of Concepcion, Republic of Chili, South America.

The lodges are reported to be prosperous, living in Fraternal unity and with increased encouragement for the future.

The practice of examination previous to advancement is thus commended :

"The practice observed in many lodges of requiring each candidate, after having received a degree, to commit the lecture of the first section of the same, and in open lodge exhibit his proficiency therein, as a qualification for advancement, should commend itself to both officers and members, and merits adoption by every lodge in the jurisdiction. Though the task, at first, may seem onerous, requiring time and patience on the part of teacher and pupil alike, we should realize the fact that every brother, when once proficient, can be made available for the qualifying of those who succeed him. Thus would the lodges possess themselves of an ample corps of instructors and brethren who would be an honor to masonry, to themselves, and to their lodges. It appears to me that this qualification for advancement, required by constitutional regulations in some jurisdictions, is worthy of your careful consideration."

The remainder of the address is given to the consideration of local affairs.

Authorized by an act of the legislature the Grand Lodge established a "Masonic Education and Charity Trust" and a full Board of Trustees to take charge of and direct the same.

On December 30, the Grand Lodge held its usual stated communication in Boston for the installation of officers and the celebration of the annual feast.

In the presence of a large attendance M. W. SAMUEL C. LAWRENCE, P. G. M., conducted the ceremony of installation.

The report of the Charity committee shows receipts of \$2,500, and disbursements of \$2,000.

Procession was then formed and the Grand Lodge proceeded to the banquet Hall, where one hundred and sixty brethren sat down to the Grand Feast.

The speeches were numerous, able and eloquent, and the festivities in great harmony.

Grand Master and Grand Secretary continued by re-election.

Michigan.

Forty-first Annual Communication in the city of Detroit, January 27, 1885.
Present: M. W. ARTHUR M. CLARK, Grand Master; R. W. WILLIAM P. INNES, Grand Secretary, and a large majority of the subordinates, the actual number not being given.

The annual address is an able paper covering thirty pages of small print and entering into minute detail as to the various propositions submitted to the discretion and review of the Grand Master. We have neither space nor time to do it full justice, but we select some of the more salient points that our readers may judge of the devotion to the cause exemplified by our brother.

He opens by saying that the year under review had been a peaceful and prosperous one.

The following extract is too beautiful to pass without recognition :

"Each succeeding year, as it rolls its destinies upon mankind, brings with it evidences, and leaves behind it memories, of the inestimable benefit which masonry is to the world. Amidst the unutterable horrors of civil war, it lifted the wounded, healed the sick, fed the starving, sheltered the flying, defended virtue, buried the dead, and by the lurid light of battle and conflagration, passed to and fro the mystic token which gave assurance of a charity deeper than political hate, and stronger than any petty pride of opinion. In the floods which swept away the homes of thousands, and in the flames which devoured the fortunes of tens of thousands, the angel of Freemasonry, without the smell of fire upon her garments, or the chill of floods upon her limbs, or the thought of self in her bosom, stood day and night bestowing food and raiment upon strangers whose faces she had never seen, only saying, 'Take, eat, and be ye warmed and filled therewith : it is the Master's bounty.'

"When winters are cold, and diseases worse than cold seize upon the poor, that same angel stands by the bedside of the destitute craftsman. If he dies, she gives him honorable sepulture, and permits not the orphan to cry for bread. When some burdened workman, too weak for his woes, falls into sin, and the hard world curses him, she leads, encourages, warms, uplifts him, and wins him back to honor and to peace.

"These 'peaceable fruits of righteousness' are what have made our walk as masons so peaceful, and so free from outward attack during the very recent past. These faithful works, more potent than any loved words of argument, are what have silenced the voice of slander, and won for Freemasonry the respect and reverence of mankind."

Six dispensations to erect new lodges had been granted.

Eight chartered lodges had been consolidated.

Various special communications were held for the purpose of laying foundation stones and other public ceremonies.

Some twenty decisions were reported, but several of the more important are so diametrically opposed to the New York practices that it would take more time and space than we can spare to explain them, at the same time having a tendency to confuse the minds of the brethren as to laws which have worked smoothly with us for years, and which it is desirable should not now be unsettled.

A very considerable amount of miscellaneous business was transacted, but, after a careful examination, it seems to us to belong to the interests of Michigan.

The report on correspondence, by Grand Secretary INNES, occupies its usual place in the van.

In it New York for 1884 has careful and judicious notice, lengthy extracts being made from the address of Grand Master SIMMONS, and this committee has a neat compliment.

M. W. JAMES H. FARNUM is Grand Master ; Grand Secretary continues.

A very fine artotype of P. G. M. CLARK prefaces the volume.

Minnesota.

THIRTY-FIRST Annual Communication in the City of St. Paul, January 15, 1884.
Present : M. W. Bro. C. HENRY BENTON, Grand Master ; R. W. A. T. C. PIERSON, Grand Secretary ; the representatives of a "large majority" of the subordinates.

The Grand Master has evidently looked after things on business principles, for he enters upon his annual message without any attempt at an exordium.

He had granted Letters of Dispensation for the establishment of three new lodges. Anent which he remarks :

"Do not let your zeal or your desire to make a good showing in your returns tempt you to go too fast. You had better go slow than to open your outer door once, when it should have remained closed."

And further :

"I have refused to grant dispensations for new lodges in quite a number of instances. In every case of refusal it would, without doubt, have been very convenient for the brethren who petitioned to have a lodge near their own home, but these brethren, in most cases, were needed in the lodges to which they belonged. They must sacrifice their own convenience for the interest of the entire craft ; for the best good of masonry. This, I have no doubt, they are willing to do. In one instance where I granted the dispensation the brethren have started what bids fair to be a remarkably prosperous and healthy lodge, but, if I had it to do over again, I should refuse their request, because the starting of the new lodge has weakened, and perhaps killed, one which existed before."

The condition of the craft both generally and financially is stated to be satisfactory, the lodges making due progression.

The report of the Grand Secretary demonstrates his long experience and correct methods of doing business.

The Grand Master having decided that where the charter of a lodge was destroyed by fire the lodge could go on with its work until the next meeting of the Grand Lodge, the Committee on Jurisprudence recommended the following, which was adopted :

"Resolved, That in case of the loss or destruction of a charter of a subordinate lodge, it is the duty of the Worshipful Master of the lodge to apply to the M. W. Grand Master for authority to continue the work of the lodge until the meeting of the Grand Lodge."

While as an abstract proposition we think the Grand Master had the true inwardness, nevertheless the general practice being the other way, it seems to be the safer course to agree with the finding of the Committee which we now do, such being the New York practice.

In the case of a brother who received the first degree and then removed to another jurisdiction where, after remaining many years, he applied for the other degrees. The initiating lodge gave its consent, and the question arose whether the second lodge should confer the degrees without careful examination. The Grand Master thinks not, and so do we, because a great many things may happen in the course of twenty years unknown to the first lodge. But at the same time we do not think any ballot necessary, but only that those who are to make the applicant a member should know that neither the first lodge nor themselves are making any mistake.

Other legislation of a local character was had.

BRO. W. D. CORNISH, Grand Orator, delivered a polished address, from which we select the following :

"There are to us all things unattainable, though sought for with most earnest zeal and fond desire.

"As we are told that sweetest sounds may throng the air, but all above the limit of our dull ears, however much we strive to listen, so there are truths that are beyond our sense, and our reason is but wearied in the attempt to grasp and hold what is beyond.

"But the mason's God has handed down, in human words, our rule and guide to faith and trust and hope, and in all the storms of doubt and unbelief the Bible is the anchor of the soul, most sure and steadfast, and, in the light of faith, we ever pray to the Supreme Architect, knowing that He who is the giver of all good, has not implanted in our breasts the ardent desire for a life which cannot be—that He who has so wisely planned the universe of suns and stars, and worlds within our sight, but from which we are shut out by every other sense—who did from chaos arrange this world of ours, so wise in its design, with all its varied parts so cunningly contrived, and wrought with such transcendent skill that all the generations of mankind have but taught us how impossible it is for us to know and understand it all—who wrought into being the wonderful organism of man himself, more wonderful than we can ever know, and set the mind in operation—the reason over will, subtle, elusive, always beyond our grasp—has not performed this wondrous work for naught.

"And while we are shut out from sight of all that is beyond, and cannot see the Great Artificer hidden above our earthly sense, we know that He who planned it all below has planned it all above—that He who handed down the tablets of His law of righteous life and being has, through His chosen messengers, revealed to us the answers to those questions ringing through the ages, Whence am I—whither shall I go? If a man die, shall he yet live? And we rest on His great mercy, carrying out the work He has prepared for us to do, according to the teachings of our order, relying on His word—listening not to the vague, uncertain doubts that seek to disturb our firm belief, to take away the groundwork of our hope—knowing that while we labor in His temple here, we but fit ourselves as living stones for that great temple, not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

M. W. Bro. PIERSON again presents the report on correspondence, in which New York for 1883 has such pleasant notice as might be expected from one of her own sons, and this committee is reviewed with the sentiment that hearts grow more alike as face answereth unto face in water.

M. W. HENRY R. DENNEY is Grand Master; Grand Secretary as usual.

Missouri.

SIXTY-FOURTH Annual Communication at St. Louis, October 14, 1884. Present: M. W. LEE A. HALL, Grand Master; R. W. JOHN D. VINCE, Grand Secretary; the representatives of two hundred and seventeen subordinates.

In a business manner, and with a view to the best interests of the fraternity, the Grand Master discusses in his annual address the matters occurring during the year, and most of the paper is given to these considerations. We take the liberty, however, of selecting one or two thoughts of general interest:

"DISPENSATIONS FOR NEW LODGES.

"It is perhaps too much for any Grand Master to expect to go through his term without being called upon to decide the propriety or impropriety of establishing new lodges. Almost universally the claim is made that there is some special reason why the interests of the fraternity will suffer unless a lodge is established at that particular point. In fact, reasons come pouring in so thick and fast, that one will feel like either absolutely refusing all or granting all without question. The variations of population and circumstances make it almost necessary from time to time to establish new lodges. If, however, while doing this, some plan could be devised by which we could destroy a dead lodge every time that a new one was established, thus ensuring 'the survival of the fittest,' it would be an advantage to the fraternity.

"Aside from a thorough investigation of each application, I have invariably refused to grant a dispensation to less than fifteen petitioners. Even that number is not enough; it ought to be not less than twenty. Several applications were sent over from our last session, but even in those cases, they were required to reform their applications so as to have not less than fifteen legitimate names

on the petition. It is true that Section 1, Article XV., of By-laws says: 'Lodges U. D. may be constituted, etc., etc., upon the petition of at least seven Master Masons.' But while the time was in our history when a dispensation to seven only would be necessary and proper, it is not so now. No lodge can with a bare quorum do work properly for the simple reason that it is not enough. It is obvious, therefore, that, in such cases, in place of rendering our beautiful ceremonies in a way to make them impressive, they will make them look ridiculous. I earnestly recommend that this Grand Lodge adopt as a standing rule, 'That no dispensation shall issue for a new lodge to less than fifteen legitimate petitioners.' It may be said that many old lodges do not show an average attendance of fifteen members. I admit that this is true in many cases, but, being true, it only furnishes the strongest argument we can have in favor of the rule being made and enforced. This Grand Lodge has frequently had occasion to deprecate the rapid accumulation of lodges, and has done all in its power to encourage the consolidation of old ones, but still the evil grows. There is one reason why it is difficult to refuse a dispensation. Our law requires that the application shall describe the hall fully, and that the dimitts of the petitioners must accompany the petition. In the first instance, if the applicants with the law, they must procure a hall or make some definite arrangement for it, involving such pecuniary liability on their part as would make it a hardship to refuse them; and, secondly, a refusal always makes more or less non-affiliated masons, as it rarely happens that even a majority of the petitioners go to other lodges. In order to correct this, I respectfully recommend that this Grand Lodge adopt some plan by which those desiring to form a new lodge, shall, as a preliminary step, make some statement that will enable the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge, as the case may be, to determine the advisability of establishing the proposed lodge. Upon receiving a favorable answer, the brethren may then proceed as provided in Article XV., of By-laws, and not otherwise."

While we do not agree with the conclusions of our M. W. Brother, we present the following as a new view of the matter under consideration:

"RESTORATION TO GOOD MASONIC STANDING AND MEMBERSHIP.

"Under our present law, while a two-thirds vote may restore an expelled mason to good masonic standing, it requires a unanimous vote to restore to membership. Why such a distinction should be made, is not apparent. While it is true that the Grand Lodge may not of its own motion restore an expelled mason to membership in his lodge, why should not the lodge, by the same vote that inflicts the punishment, remit it, and restore an expelled mason to all the rights of which he was deprived by that punishment. There is no philosophy in making a distinction in such cases. It is at most an act of discretion on the part of the lodge, and differs essentially from a ballot on a petition for the mysteries of masonry. The one is a lodge act, governed purely by its own discretion in exercising it; the other is in fact the individual act of every member of the lodge in consenting that the applicant shall be enrolled as a member of the fraternity, and must be unanimous. But after a candidate has once been initiated into our mysteries, it is a very different matter. In restoring him, the lodge does not invest him with anything that he did not have before he was expelled. The object of penal laws is, or ought to be, reformatory and not vindictive; hence there does not seem to be any sound reason for maintaining a rule that in fact in such cases often makes the restoration of an expelled brother depend on the caprice of some individual brother, who, in so objecting, is not in reality guarding the interests of the lodge, or of masonry, but only interfering with a discretionary act of the lodge of which its members, acting in their lodge capacity, should, within proper restrictions, be the judges.

"There is no good reason why the same vote that is invested with the power of inflicting punishment, thereby depriving him, among other rights, of lodge membership, should not be invested with the power to remit such punishment in full, and restore him to all the rights of which he had been deprived at his trial.

"I therefore recommend that the law be so changed as to require only the same vote to remit any punishment that is required to inflict it. The same course of procedure that we now have in such cases, will be as effective under this rule, as under the present law."

And once more:

"THE HOLY BIBLE.

"It may seem like a work of supererogation in this day and generation to discuss this question, or to feel called upon to define the relation that the Holy

Bible, as one of our Great Lights, holds to masonry. Several of my predecessors have been compelled to do the same thing, and it was hoped that there would be no necessity to say anything further on this subject. Yet such is the perversity of human nature, that from time to time we hear of some cranky individual, who, in spite of the fact that the cherished beliefs and hopes of the great mass of mankind are founded on a belief in God with all that that declaration implies, feels called upon to cast ridicule on God's Word, the Holy Bible, and boldly avow a disbelief in some or all of its essential provisions. And yet, in the face of this, he dares to stand up and assert that he believes in God, in the sense that we, as masons, require of all who seek admission among us.

"Several of such cases have come to my knowledge. How any mason can avow such a belief, or rather want of belief, in a book which he, among his first lessons in masonry, was taught was 'the inestimable gift of God to man, and given as a rule and guide of his faith and practice,' is more than I can understand. What, may I ask, constitutes a belief in God, in the sense that we use it, as an indispensable requisite to a man's being made a mason? I answer unhesitatingly that such a declaration from a candidate, is to be taken in its broadest sense, and to mean that his belief in God is such a belief as has entered his heart and prepared him to be made a mason. That his belief in God is to be taken as a declaration that it not only means more than the bare fact that there is a Supreme Being, the conception of whom is bounded by the physical senses contracted to their narrowest limits, but that belief is in God as the Great Creator and Ruler, who watches over all, and, as he is taught further on, 'will reward us according to our merits.' It implies a belief in God's law as laid down in the great light of masonry; and the heart which would conceive, or the lips which would utter such sentiments, are false and dishonored, and are recreant to every principle and teaching of masonry. It implies a decent respect for the feelings and convictions of others, that is totally lacking in any one who would make such an avowal. It implies, without evasion or mental reservation, a hearty concurrence in the moral law, as laid down in Article 1 of the Old Charges, which says: 'A mason is obliged by his tenure to obey the moral law, and, if he rightly understands the Art, he will never be a stupid atheist, nor an irreligious libertine.' Could anything set a stronger seal of condemnation on such declarations than this?

"No, my brethren, no mason has a right to avow such opinions and remain among us. No mason has a right, by word or deed, to cast reproach upon, or to say or do anything that would tend to destroy or impair the usefulness of God's Holy Word, whether it is formulated as we have it in the Holy Bible, in the Koran of the Mahometan, or in any other form, so that it is regarded as the essential moral law of a nation or people. Any mason guilty of such practices should be expelled from among us, as one utterly unworthy to be a partaker in our mysteries.

"I have only aimed to treat the subject from a purely masonic standpoint, recognizing the fact that such opinions and declarations are subversive of all we teach our neophytes, and proclaim to the world as our principles. A few such cases still exist among us, and, from a mistaken idea of their rights, the lodges have tolerated them. We do not, it is true, teach any religion but that of masonry, but whatever is subversive of that, is so grievous an offense against the institution, that punishment should be promptly meted out to the offender.

"I hope the Grand Lodge will say, in unmistakable terms, that any lodge allowing one who holds and avows such doctrines to remain among its members, should be cut off with him, and all perish together."

The report of the Grand Secretary is very interesting.

Of dispensations to create new lodges, he says:

"Ten dispensations have been ordered by the M. W. Grand Master, and issued from this office during the year, for the formation of new lodges. Thus it will appear that there are fifteen Lodges U. D., waiting the action of the Grand Lodge as to their future. Five applications for dispensations, presented to the last session of this body, were sent over and referred to the incoming Grand Master. Three were considered favorably and two were declined. Several applications will be presented at this session, and the claims of petitioners urged for dispensations. That we have *too many* lodges in Missouri now, is a very mild statement of an undesirable condition of affairs."

We venture the belief that the Grand Secretary is immensely correct.

His accounts and tables are admirable.

Thirteen new warrants were granted.

During the session the Grand Lecturer, with proper assistance, exemplified the three degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry.

The sum of three hundred dollars was appropriated to pay for a monument over the grave of the late GEO. FRANK GOULEY.

M. W. JOHN D. VINCIL again presents the review on correspondence, in which New York for 1884 has a full share, M. W. Bro. SIMMONS being specially complimented.

We especially join in the last remark of the committee.

M. W. ROBERT F. STEVENSON is Grand Master ; Grand Secretary, as usual.

Montana.

TWENTIETH Annual Communication in the city of Bozeman, October 1, 1884. Present : M. W. HUGH DUNCAN, Grand Master ; R. W. CORNELIUS HEDGES, Grand Secretary ; the representatives of twenty-one subordinate lodges.

Said the Grand Master in his annual address : " I am glad to be able to report prosperity throughout our entire jurisdiction, but I am still better pleased to report that peace and harmony prevail, without which prosperity would be an empty vaunt. The principle of who can best work and best agree is apparent on every hand."

Two dispensations to create new lodges had been issued, and they were subsequently converted into warrants.

Anent this subject we note that the Master of one of the new lodges presented himself, and was formally installed. The lodge not having been constituted, we should be glad to know what he was to preside over.

The following decisions are immensely correct :

" 1. *Question*.—Can a man be made a mason who has lost the index finger on the right hand at the knuckle joint? *Answer*.—No.

" 2. *Diamond City Lodge No. 7: Question*.—Is it necessary for a brother to be a Past Warden of this jurisdiction before he is eligible to the office of Master of a subordinate lodge? *Answer*.—It is not, so as he has served as a Warden in some chartered lodge. Said Diamond City Lodge having elected a Master from the floor who had never served as a Warden, and installed him as their Master on December 31, 1883, and then referred the matter to me, I decided that their action was illegal, and ordered the Past Master, DAVID BUTTERFIELD, to take his place as Master of Diamond City Lodge No. 7, until his successor was elected and installed."

He deprecates the rule that a Master Mason applying for affiliation and being rejected must wait two months before applying again. We sincerely join with him.

The Grand Lodge unanimously adopted a proposition to district the State, and appoint District Deputy Grand Masters, which we take to be as wise a thing as could be done, for if the brethren appointed fairly discharge their duties, only benefit can ensue to the Grand Lodge and the Craft under its jurisdiction.

R. W. Bro. HEDGES presented the report on correspondence, which continues to hold up his reputation as a careful and judicious writer.

New York for 1884 has brief but pleasant mention. Grand Master SIMMONS, Grand Librarian CARTER, and this Committee, have each congratulatory mention.

We regret, however, to note his advocacy of the so-called Grand Lodges of Victoria and New South Wales. South Australia presents the proper conditions, and when application is made, we have no doubt New York will accord it recognition.

M. W. SAMUEL W. LANGHORNE is Grand Master; R. W. Brother HEDGES continues Secretary.

Nebraska.

TWENTY-SEVENTH Annual Communication at Lincoln, June 24, 1884. Present: M. W. SAMUEL W. HAYES, Grand Master; R. W. WM. R. BOWEN, Grand Secretary; the representatives of ninety-five chartered lodges.

Great prosperity had been the rule in the State during the year under review, and masonry had the influence of general contentment, as would appear by the statement of the Grand Master in his annual address, emphasized by the issuance of sixteen dispensations to erect new lodges, most of which were subsequently chrystalized into warrants.

Steam boilers sometimes explode, brethren.

We copy the decisions reported which, although not in entire accord with the New York practice, only differ so slightly as not to call for special comment from us, but we append the report of the committee:

"1. One of our new lodges, previous to the issue of its charter, asked to change the name. I decided that the Grand Lodge (having ordered the charter under the name already given) alone had authority to change it.

"2. *Query.* Can a lodge reconsider a vote for the election of officers? *Ans.* Yes, if done at the same meeting, with all the members present who were present when the election was held.

"3. *Query.* Can a lodge in this jurisdiction receive a petition for initiation from a resident of Kansas? *Ans.* Yes, if it has the consent of the lodge having jurisdiction.

"4. *Query.* Can a Master Mason residing in another State legally become a member of a lodge in Nebraska? *Ans.* Yes.

"5. *Query.* Is the avouchment of the Grand Custodian sufficient, having sat in a lodge of instruction with the brother? *Ans.* Yes.

"6. Elections must be held at the time set by the Grand Lodge. Grand Master cannot issue dispensation prior to that time.

"7. *Query.* Is it lawful to receive a petition from a saloon keeper. *Ans.* No.

"8. *Query.* Does a lodge U. D. lose jurisdiction over applicants for the degrees by the expiration of its dispensation? *Ans.* No. Upon receiving its charter it has a right to complete its work.

"9. *Query.* Can the Master of a lodge annul the decision of his lodge? *Ans.* No. He must appeal to the Grand Lodge or Grand Master.

"10. *Query.* Is it lawful for a lodge U. D. to appear in public as a lodge, except at a funeral? *Ans.* Not without permission of the Grand Master.

"11. A rejected applicant must present a new petition, which, in all respects, must take the same course as in the first instance.

"12. A brother suspended for non-payment of dues has no right to visit a lodge in this jurisdiction.

"13. *Query.* Can a lodge dimitt an entered apprentice or a fellow craft? *Ans.* No. Dimitts apply only to members of the lodge.

"14. *Query.* A brother is suspended for non-payment of dues, whose lodge afterward surrendered its charter. How can the brother regain his standing in the Fraternity? *Ans.* Apply to the Grand Lodge.

"15. *Query.* Can the refusal of a brother to pay special assessments, even when made to pay expenses incurred in the care of the sick, subject the brother

to lodge discipline? *Ans.* No. Such duties are to be performed freely and of his own accord, and as far as his ability will permit. No good mason will refuse or neglect *this*, one of the *first* and most *imperative* duties of masonry.

"16. It is morally the duty of a brother to prefer charges against an applicant for advancement whom he desires to prevent being advanced, and especially so when the brother has become a non-resident and asks for a waiver of jurisdiction.

"17. *Query.* Has the lodge the right to require of a member of a committee on a petition his reasons for reporting unfavorably on the application? *Ans.* No.

"18. *Query.* Was the Master right in declaring the proceedings of his lodge illegal, neither himself nor either of the Wardens being present? *Ans.* Yes, masonic law and usage so declare it.

To this rule, which I think is agreeable to universal law, I would suggest the propriety of making an exception—allowing an actual Past Master or a Past Warden, in the absence of the Master and Wardens, to convene the lodge for funerals."

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported as follows, which we also give without comment, with the idea that perhaps some of the brethren may like to figure these things out for themselves:

"To the *M. W. the Grand Lodge of Nebraska* :

"Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to which was referred the decisions of the M. W. Grand Master, having had the same under consideration, report:

"1. That we approve decisions Nos. 1, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, and 18.

"2. With decision No. 2 we do not concur. When the result of an election has been announced and the candidate elect has accepted the office, it is final. It would be opening the door to great abuses.

"To decision No. 3 add, 'and with consent of the Grand Master of the jurisdiction within which the petitioner resides.'

"Decision No. 7 declares it unlawful to *receive* the petition of a saloon-keeper. We see no impropriety in his so petitioning, since, under the declared law of this jurisdiction, the result could not be doubtful.

"Decision No. 9 puts the burden of appeal upon the Master. We adhere to the decisions heretofore made by this Grand Lodge, that the Master is supreme in his lodge, and that he alone is responsible to the Grand Lodge for its government. If the lodge is dissatisfied with his ruling, it can appeal.

"No 14 is erroneous. By paying his dues the brother *ipso facto* reinstates himself. If his lodge is extinct, let him pay his dues to the Grand Secretary and take his certificate.

"Decision No. 15 we reverse; the reasons given by the Grand Master seem to us to support the opposite conclusion to the one he reached.

"It is the *imperative duty* of a subordinate lodge to care for the sick, as declared by this Grand Lodge. If the individual members are absolved from their duty to contribute, the subordinate lodge cannot perform its duty. 'No good mason will refuse or neglect *this*, one of the *first* and most *imperative* duties of masonry'; and if he does so refuse, he is liable to discipline."

The report of the Grand Custodian (Lecturer) shows industrious application and encouraging progress in the standard work.

A very considerable amount of business received consideration, but it belongs at home.

The Grand Orator, W. BENJAMIN S. BAKER, delivered a polished address on the Ancient Sun Worship, displaying thoughtful study.

Two special communications were held for ceremonial purposes.

No correspondence.

M. W. JOHN J. WEMPLE is Grand Master; Grand Secretary continues.

Nevada.

TWENTIETH Annual Communication in the City of Virginia, June 10th, 1884.
Present: M. W. ANDREW NICHOLLS, Grand Master; V. W. JOHN D. HAMMOND, Grand Secretary; the representatives of thirteen subordinates.

In a brief address the Grand Master rehearses the events of the year and gives assurance of continued prosperity.

The representatives of other Grand Lodges, including R. W. HORATIO S. MASON of New York, were received with cordial greeting and appropriate speech.

The business transacted was entirely local in character.

Grand Secretary HAMMOND presented a somewhat brief but still readable and interesting report on correspondence, in which New York, for 1883, has pleasant notice.

We call the attention of our esteemed brother that our objection to appeal from the decision of the Grand Master presiding was simply on points of order.

This report is supplemented by a digest of law and practice in the several States.

M. W. DAVID E. BAILY is Grand Master; R. W. Bro. HAMMOND continues Grand Secretary.

New Hampshire.

NINETY-FIFTH Annual Communication at Concord, May 21, 1884. Present: M. W. JOHN F. WEBSTER, Grand Master; R. W. GEORGE P. CLEAVES, Grand Secretary, and representatives from most of the subordinates.

Acknowledging with profound gratitude the peace that has reigned and the pleasant condition of the craft in general, the Grand Master pays kindly tribute to the memory of M. W. JOHN R. HOLBROOK, P. G. M., deceased, as well as others holding relation to the Grand Lodge.

He decided that, a Masonic residence is defined by the requirements of a legal residence; that is, it must be his house, the place where he has the rights of a citizen; the place where he votes. A man does not gain masonic residence by residing temporarily in a place for one year; he must make that place his home, that is, his legal home.

In which we fully concur.

The appointment of W. ROYAL E. DEAN as representative of New Hampshire, near New York, is announced and, we take occasion to say that no better selection could have been made.

The reports of the District Deputies are full and interesting, and demonstrate the value of the system.

The Grand Lodge of Arizona was recognized, which is correct.

Other business for home use.

It is doing scant justice, leaving the M. A. out of the question, to say that the report on correspondence by Bro. ALBERT S. WAIT, is a document doing full credit to its author and adding to his laurels, if, perchance, there were any need of such cumulation. He writes plain, old-fashioned, but vigorous English, and we linger

over his pages with great delight, thinking, as we have often before said, what a storehouse of knowledge there would be at the service of the craft if there could be annually published a volume containing the best thoughts of the Guild.

New York for 1883 has pleasant notice and liberal citation.

Our report for that year has ample consideration, and such concurrence in the views therein expressed as affords us more than ordinary pleasure.

The Grand Lodge holds semi-annual communications devoted to the exemplification of the work in the several degrees.

This volume presents a finely executed portrait of M. W. SOLON A. CARTER, Past Grand Master.

Grand officers re-elected.

New Jersey.

NINETY-EIGHTH Annual Communication at Trenton, January 28, 1885. Present: M. W. and Rev. HENRY VERHSLAGE, Grand Master; R. W. JOSEPH H. HOUGH, Grand Secretary; a large majority of the subordinate lodges in the jurisdiction.

The annual address opens with a loving tribute to the memory of the Fraternal dead, among whom we find M. W. ISAAC VAN WAGONER, Past Grand Master, who died early in May, 1884.

Among the pall-bearers was M. W. Bro. JOSEPH TRIMBLE, who died in July following.

Having personally known and frequently met these excellent craftsmen, we most sincerely join in the grief those more immediately connected with them feel in their loss.

Two dispensations to form new lodges had been issued.

The general condition is stated to be satisfactory, indicating gradual but steady progress.

The decisions are few and we copy them in full, thus:

"1. Suspension takes effect immediately upon the announcement of the requisite vote, without reference to the approval of the minutes.

"2. An unaffiliated mason cannot act as counsel in a trial for unmasonic conduct.

"3. After a clear ballot and the announcement of the candidate's election, the Worshipful Master cannot order another ballot because a brother claims to have voted adversely to the petition."

We approve all, but especially the last, because there is a better way of getting at a reconsideration than for a brother to expose the manner of his ballot.

The reports of the accounting officers are full and satisfactory.

The standard work was exhibited in full by the Grand Instructor and District Deputies.

The business transacted being simply routine, it seems to us that it only concerns our New Jersey brethren.

Bro. JAMES A. NORTON again presented the report on correspondence but owing to ill health found himself obliged to shear it of some of its fair proportions.

New York for 1884 has extended and greatly appreciated notice.

M. W. JOSEPH W. CONGDON, is Grand Master; R. W. JOSEPH H. HOUGH, continues Grand Secretary.

While apologizing for this brief notice, we should, but for the kindness of R. W. Bro HOUGH in sending us advance sheets have been obliged to omit even this, the report being already more than half ready for the bindery and the printer looking at us with an expression of sadness which seems to say: "*Quosque tandem abutere O, Cataline patientia nostra.*"

Oregon.

THIRTY-FOURTH Annual Communication in the city of Portland, June 10, 1884.
Present: M. W. Bro. WM. T. WRIGHT, Grand Master; R. W. FRELON J. BABCOCK, Grand Secretary; the representatives of about seventy lodges.

Among the opening paragraphs of the annual message we find:

"Our gratitude is especially due for, and I congratulate you upon, the continued prosperity and harmony of the fraternity in this jurisdiction. The reports will show a substantial and healthy increase of membership—an increase greater than ever before—and the year has been one of unprecedented harmony among the brethren."

Two dispensations for new lodges had been granted.

From the decisions reported with all of which we agree, we select and emphasize the following:

"A question of some importance, involving the disposal of lodge funds for certain uses, was submitted to me for decision from two sources, as follows: First, by a brother of the lodge:—'Can the funds of a masonic lodge be used to defray the expenses of a public entertainment?' Second, by the secretary:—'Has a subordinate lodge the right to draw funds from its treasury to pay the expenses of celebrating St. John's day?' After an investigation of the matters leading to the question, I, in this case, considered both questions as one, and returned the general answer, No. A quotation from my letter of answer will indicate the merits of the case and the reasons for so ruling. * * * 'I consider the funds in the treasury of the lodge 'a charity fund,' and that they should not be appropriated for other than purely masonic purposes. If the renting of a hall, the expense of music and a *grand ball*, can, by any stretch of the imagination, be considered as 'purely masonic,' or *charitable*, then probably it could be considered proper to appropriate lodge funds to meet such expenses. While I concede that a proper celebration of the anniversary of St. John the Evangelist, is entirely masonic and proper, I do not concede that such celebration should partake of the nature of a free public entertainment of an expensive character, and can not for a moment admit that it is proper to pay such expenses out of lodge funds."

He recommends recognition of the so-called Grand Lodge of Victoria, which we do not, for reasons that will appear elsewhere, approve.

M. W. Bro. S. F. CHADWICK presented another of his excellent reports on correspondence in which New York for 1883 has pleasant notice.

The degree of entered apprentice was illustrated in presence of the Grand Lodge.

M. W. DAVID P. MASON, was elected Grand Master; and R. W. FRELON J. BABCOCK, continued Grand Secretary.

Ohio.

SEVENTY-FIFTH Annual Communication at Columbus, October 21, 1884. Present: M. W. Bro. JOSEPH M. GODSPEED, Grand Master; R. W. JOHN D. CAULDWELL, Grand Secretary; over four hundred lodges by their representatives.

The message of the Grand Master is more than ordinarily official; after a very brief exordium he gives a list of his dispensations including three for the establishment of new lodges, and his

DECISIONS,

all of which appear to us to be correct, thus:

"1. When a brother pleads guilty to charges preferred, is it not necessary for the lodge to take a ballot on the question of guilt. The lodge may proceed at once to fix the penalty.

"2. There is no masonic law that will prevent a brother engaged in selling liquor being installed as one of the officers of a lodge, provided he does not sell in violation of law. Selling liquor is not in itself an offense, but selling in violation of the statutes governing the sale of liquor subjects the brother to masonic discipline.

"3. The Grand Master can not grant a dispensation or issue his proxy to any one to confer the three degrees of masonry in less time than that prescribed by the code. He alone has power to make masons at sight, as heretofore determined.

"4. An applicant must reside one year within the jurisdiction of a lodge before he can petition for and receive the degrees. To confer the degrees on a residence of less time would be a violation of the code.

"5. When a petition is received for the degrees, the committee appointed to investigate must be composed of members whose names do not appear on the petition as recommending the applicant.

"6. The re-installation of a master re-elected to the same office is not absolutely necessary. He may preside without being re-installed. I would recommend installation in all cases.

"7. When a ballot on a petition, as on the advancement of a candidate, is participated in by a suspended brother, that ballot is illegal and void.

"8. No lodge can be opened, nor can any business be transacted therein, unless one of the three principal officers be present.

"9. A brother under charges may prefer counter charges, but after he is suspended or expelled he has no right to participate in the further proceedings of the lodge.

"10. When the by-laws of a lodge so provide for its regular meetings that the meeting on which the election of officers should take place can not be held, then such election of officers can be held only under dispensation from the Grand Master.

"11. The lodge can accept the resignation of any officer, except the W. M., S. W., or J. W.

"12. The Worshipful Master may direct any competent committee to prepare the candidate.

"13. No business of any kind should be transacted when a suspended brother is present, nor should the lodge be opened or closed in his presence.

"March 8th, Bro. ED. C. HARDING, W. M. of Milford Lodge, No. 54, writes:

"At the last stated meeting of Milford Lodge, No. 54, I made the following ruling: * * *

"A. B. received the degree of E. A. in our lodge. He then asked for and obtained permission to receive the degrees of F. C. and M. M. in a Cincinnati lodge. This was some years ago. He now asks permission of our lodge to take the degrees of F. C. and M. M. in a lodge in Portland, Oregon, that now being his home.

"Of course he has not received the degrees in Cincinnati. * * * Our lodge having granted him permission to take the degrees in a Cincinnati lodge, gave to that lodge exclusive jurisdiction over him. And Milford lodge could not grant his request. I so decided. Am I right?"

"14. Decision—Milford lodge has authority to grant permission to the lodge in Oregon to complete the work. A lodge can not confer the degree of E. A.

upon a candidate, and then permit the candidate to go to some Cincinnati lodge and ask to have the F. C. and M. M. degree conferred. If any one of the lodges in Cincinnati had asked Milford lodge to grant jurisdiction in the case of A. B., and Milford lodge had granted the request, then the Cincinnati lodge would be the one to permit the Oregon lodge to complete the work. No Cincinnati lodge had asked Milford lodge to permit it to confer the degrees. Jurisdiction was not gained by any lodge in Cincinnati.

"Milford lodge has jurisdiction, and may permit the lodge in Portland to complete the work.

"Bro. J. HOPE SUTOR, W. M. of Amity Lodge, No. 5, asks for a decision on the following:

"I will quote so much of Bro. SUTOR's letter as may be necessary to inform you of the question raised.

"The Ohio code is silent upon the question of how many members it takes to constitute a quorum in a lodge of M. M.' 'Such enactments as have been made, in my opinion, are against the theory of the symbolic number.' "No dispensation shall be issued to form a lodge unless eight M. M. apply,' and a note to the article states that when the number is less than eight the charter shall be arrested." 'The code says, 'A lodge shall consist of eight officers and as many members as convenient.'"

"15. *Decided*—That it requires eight members of the lodge to be present before a lodge can be opened, and that no business can be transacted unless eight M. M. be in attendance.

"Three telegrams were received during the year, asking: 'Is a suicide entitled to a masonic burial?'

"16. I replied that I knew of no reason why a mason who had committed suicide should be denied masonic burial. Dethroned reason calls for our sympathy, not for our censure. How better can we heal the wounds of the afflicted than by depositing the evergreen as an emblem of our faith in the immortality of the soul?"

The dead of the year including Past Grand Master Wm. J. REESE, have fraternal notice.

The reports of the associate Grand officers are satisfactory, especially that of Grand Secretary CAULDWELL who gives a full catalogue of the valuable matters contained in the Grand Lodge library.

Representatives of the Grand Lodges were received and greeted with suitable honors.

The corner-stone of a Government edifice was laid in full masonic form.

The new Grand Lodge of South Australia was recognized while that of Victoria was refused on the ground that it was established by an insignificant minority of the lodges in the colony. This conclusion is undoubtedly correct, but as the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, formed under exactly similar conditions had previously been recognized, we are at a loss to understand how the two decisions are to be reconciled.

M. W. Bro. ELWOOD E. THORNE, Past Grand Master of New York and representative of Ohio near that jurisdiction was introduced and cordially welcomed.

The Grand Lodge by resolution declared that, the selling of intoxicating liquors to be drank on the premises is a masonic offense and disqualifies the offender for initiation or membership.

Four new charters granted.

Touching the conferring of side degrees the following was adopted:

"Bro. BIERCE, from the Standing Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence (consisting of Bros. M. GASTON, J. B. BROWN, L. V. BIERCE, and A. T. HOLCOMBE,

made the following report, which, with the resolution (after discussion and slight emendation), was adopted by a large vote, viz.:

"The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, to whom was referred so much of the M. W. Grand Master's annual address as relates to the conferring of what are called "*Side Degrees*" upon ladies, having given the same their careful attention, beg leave to report:

"That the practice of conferring what are called "*Side Degrees*" upon the wives, daughters, and sisters of masons is a modern practice, unknown to ancient craft masonry.

"These so-called "*Side Degrees*" being neither masonry nor in the similitude of masonry, your committee deem that the conferring of them *as masonry* is an imposition on the ladies upon whom they are conferred, as well as upon the craft, whose rites and ceremonies they dishonor by a jargon of modern humbug.

"Your committee have no objection to the formation of associations by the wives, daughters, and sisters of masons, with signs and ceremonies by which to recognize each other or make themselves known to masons, but they do *protest* against such signs and ceremonies being given by *masons as masonry*. It is a feminine business, and should be left to the ladies alone.

"Your committee, therefore, report that the conferring by masons what are called "*Side Degrees*" in masonry is unmasonic, an imposition on those upon whom they are conferred, and dishonorable to the craft. Therefore,

"*Resolved*, That any brother conferring the so-called "*Side Degrees*" is, in all cases, a proper subject of masonic discipline."

BRO. R. E. RICHARDS, presented the report on correspondence, which all who read it will readily agree is a work of which the author may be proud and will help to spread abroad among the craft the glad tidings of peace and prosperity. In it New York for 1884 has more than kindly notice and remembrance.

The address of Grand Master SIMMONS has approving notice and quotation, while the report of this committee has such notice as makes us feel like a bride being led to the altar. Thanks.

Grand officers re-elected.

Pennsylvania.

THIS Grand Lodge holds quarterly meetings, and additionally on the 27th December in each year an Annual Communication.

The quarterly in early December is devoted to the examination of its vast financial affairs and the election of officers, and then on the 27th the retiring Grand Master delivers a message reviewing the affairs of the year; the new Grand Officers are installed, and the incoming Grand Master delivers an address setting forth the plans and recommendations of his administration.

M. W. Bro. CONRAD B. DAY begins a specially business paper with the pleasant information that the year under review had been one of continued prosperity.

Convinced of the sufficiency of the number of lodges already in existence, he had refused to authorize the creation of any new ones.

Satisfaction is expressed with the conclusion of the Shakespeare matter.

Under the Pennsylvania law, the Grand Master had authorized the initiation of a youth under age.

Attention is called to the fact, that when a lodge is called out to attend the funeral of a member, it must take precedence of all other associations and societies, performing its ceremonies immediately after the religious services, and then leaving the ground.

The financial conditions are all that could be desired.

After the installation of the Grand Officers elect, the R. W. E. COFFEY MITCH-

ELL, Grand Master delivered his inaugural, which is a decidedly practical paper, demonstrating his knowledge of those things that most work together for good, and presenting the forecast of a wise ruler.

Our esteemed friend, R. W. RICHARD VAUX, again presented the report on correspondence.

New York for 1884 has kind notice, while this committee is mildly rapped on the knuckles.

Thus Bro. VAUX thinks that an installed officer cannot resign. So far as concerns the Master and Wardens we agree, because those officers have relations to the Grand Lodge which should not be lightly disturbed, but through the rest of the list the duties are strictly local, and the fulfillment of the term carries no privileges with it, and further, the Master having power to appoint certain officers may by the same authority remove them; still they are all installed, although this fact does not interfere with the Master's right of removal.

We fully agree that on a ballot for a candidate for the honors of masonry there can be no *blank* votes. Every brother present must vote, and either white or black, as the case may be. The blank ballot in connection with elections to office is quite another affair.

We should be very glad to make a volume to be called "SIMONS' Masonic Digest," if there were the slightest hope that the brethren would buy and read it, but—

M. W. Bro. E. COPPEE MITCHELL is Grand Master; R. W. MICHAEL NISBET, Grand Secretary.

Rhode Island.

NINETY-FOURTH Annual Communication at Providence, May 19, 1884. Present : M. W. LYMAN KNAPP, Grand Master; R. W. EDWIN BAKER, Grand Secretary; the representatives of thirty-three subordinates.

The annual message is a lengthy document, devoted in a large measure to the family affairs of the jurisdiction.

The lodges are stated to be generally in a very prosperous and satisfactory condition.

One decision is reported, but we cannot understand, and therefore give it up.

From the concluding remarks we select and warmly commend the following :

"The first century after the introduction of masonry into this country, it flourished and spread with wonderful rapidity. During this period, the craftsmen were busy in genuine masonic work, and had comparatively little time, and less inclination for making new laws. It was at the close of this first century in the history of American freemasonry, some fifty years ago, that the social, religious, and political storm of anti-masonry burst upon the States, and raged with a fury seldom if ever equaled in the history of this country. Lodge-rooms were closed, active work suspended, while death rapidly reduced the roll of membership, and for a time it appeared to those outside the fraternity that our ancient institution, with all its traditions, legends, rights, and conservative teachings and discipline, was doomed to utter extinction. In these dark and troublous days, nearly a generation passed away, during which few found admission to the order.

"Upon the revival of masonry, the raw recruits soon outnumbered those veterans who had survived the dark days of persecution; and it is not surprising that

many of these new recruits, who were men of middle or past middle age, with habits of thought and character already fixed, should have failed to fully appreciate or assimilate the conservative teachings and discipline of such an institution as ours. These brethren influenced, unconsciously it may have been, by the universal drift of the times, enacted a multitude of new laws, many of them not in harmony, and others we fear, in direct conflict with the spirit of those deep underlying principles of our ancient institution.

"The truth of this statement is easily ascertained, by an examination of the proceedings of the various Grand Lodges of the country during the past twenty-five or thirty years, which are filled with these new and conflicting constitutions, laws, regulations, and approved decisions.

"We feel, therefore, that there is grave cause for alarm, and that unless there is some check to this law-making mania, the old landmarks, laws, and usages of ancient craft masonry, will be buried under the rubbish of modern so-called improvements, and in place of that grand old historic institution, freemasonry, we shall have a modern society, with everything ancient eliminated from it except the name.

"We do not wish to be understood as advocating the theory that no further legislation is necessary, for as we have already said, human institutions must have growth; but we do wish to impress upon this Grand Lodge, with all the force and earnestness possible, the necessity of acting with great care and only after mature deliberation, in the adoption of any new laws or regulations."

The reports of the Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, and District Deputies demonstrate close attention to duty, and that the affairs of the Grand Lodge are in good hands.

The committee on correspondence presented a report on Grand Lodges beyond this continent, and we fully agree with its conclusions, except in the matter of the Grand Lodge of Victoria (Australia), which, according to our information, has no possible justification for its existence.

The sum of \$200 was set apart for the use of the Grand Lodge library.

The Grand Master and Grand Secretary were re-elected.

The proceedings were crowned with a symposium.

An excellent portrait of M. W. LYMAN KNAFF prefaces and adorns the volume.

South Carolina.

ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH Annual Communication in the City of Charleston, December 9, 1884. Present: M. W. Bro. W. W. HUMPHREYS, Grand Master; R. W. Bro. CHARLES INGLESBY, Grand Secretary, with the representatives of one hundred and forty-one chartered lodges, and those of corresponding Grand Lodges.

In a brief but well-considered address, the Grand Master calls attention to such matters as seem to him to demand attention by the Grand Lodge. Necessarily of a family complexion.

Of matters relating to general topics, he has the following:

"Happily, since our last reunion, the fraternity in this jurisdiction have enjoyed unusual immunity from severe afflictive dispensations. As to the condition of the craft, it is gratifying to be able to report, that whilst there is no very great increase in our numbers, yet in all the elements of permanent prosperity there is

increasing improvement and unmistakable evidence of a solid conservative growth, which is inconsistent with any idea of decline or decay, and there is perfect peace and harmony among the craft.

"During the year many questions have been submitted for my decision, which were carefully considered and answered. All of them were of a class readily solvable upon recognized principles, laid down in the Constitution, or established by decisions heretofore made, and are not deemed of sufficient importance to offer as contributions to the legal literature already voluminous.

"In this connection, and with a view of relieving my successors of an unnecessary burden of correspondence, as well as to place within ready reach of the brethren, the Constitution edicts and decisions operative and of force at this time, I would respectfully recommend the adoption of a resolution by the Grand Lodge at this session, authorizing and requiring the R. W. Grand Secretary to prepare and publish with the minutes, a revised edition of the Constitution, containing all amendments thereto. Also, to revise, arrange, and consolidate under proper heads all decisions of Grand Masters and District Deputy Grand Masters on questions of masonic law and other decisions of general interest to the craft, together with all resolutions of the Grand Lodge embracing questions of masonic jurisprudence."

Of this latter suggestion we most fully approve, having prepared a volume of the same nature some years ago, and being now about to prepare another bringing matters up to the present date.

A very affecting episode occurred in the presentation by Mrs. S. E. CONNOR, of a volume containing the various memorial tributes, resolutions, and addresses in memory of her late husband, M. W. JAMES CONNOR, which was accepted by a rising vote, and ordered to be placed in the archives.

One new warrant was granted, otherwise the business transacted was local in character.

Grand Secretary INGLESBY again presented, as he always does, an excellent report on correspondence.

New York for 1884 has very pleasant notice. Grand Master SIMMONS is complimented, as also R. W. Bro. CARTER, Grand Librarian, and this committee.

M. W. J. ADGER SMITH is Grand Master ; Grand Secretary continues.

Tennessee.

SEVENTIETH Annual Communication in the city of Nashville, January 29, 1884. Present : M. W. NEWTON W. McCONNELL, Grand Master ; R. W. JOHN FRIZZELL, Grand Secretary ; the representatives of three hundred and twenty-eight subordinates.

The annual address acknowledges a great degree of prosperity and peace, and properly calls for unlimited thanks to the Father from whom cometh down every good and perfect gift.

Feeling the need of overcoming the lethargy apparent in the craft, he sent out a circular letter, commencing thus :

"Feeling the importance of a revival in masonry, I sought for some means, early in my administration, to reach that end. And by revival I do not mean the acquisition of new members, so much as the awakening to a new and higher life the membership we already had. I found scattered all over the State an army of non-affiliates, whose ranks were continually being filled with fresh recruits from the lodges. My first effort was to arrest this stream of desertion which threat-

ened to deplete many of our lodges to such an extent that they must inevitably perish. I found another army that, while they still retained their membership, rarely ever attended the lodge communications; and, while they have a name to live, were really masonically dead. To arouse and resuscitate these was another important end to be accomplished. Among these two armies were many valuable brethren. To reach them, and bring them back to their first love, was a matter of the very first importance.

"Freemasonry only hopes to win members from among the good and noble of the world by the devotion of its members to its principles. It plants a vineyard, and says to its votaries, Go, work therein. It erects a high standard of moral character, and exacts of its members conformity thereto. Surrounded by such demoralizing influences as a host of straggling non-affiliates without the camp, and another host of idle loungers within it, we could not expect the Order to make much headway in the acquisition of new and valuable material. In view of the situation, then, I determined to issue a circular-address to the lodges."

Two dispensations for new lodges were granted and four refused.

With the following we most cordially agree as being in full accord with the law :

"Caledonia Lodge, 96, granted a member a dimit, the order being regularly entered on its minutes, but he failed to obtain the certificate of the secretary. At a subsequent communication, at his request, the lodge reconsidered its former action, and rescinded the order granting the dimit, holding that this re-instated the member. Held that the order granting the dimit severs the membership of a brother from a lodge, and not the certificate of the secretary, and the subsequent order attempting to rescind the first is a nullity. The member must come in by petition and unanimous ballot."

We take full stock in the following :

"Another fault I find more prevalent than any other is, that we talk too much about one another. This Grand Lodge, in 1876, laid down the true doctrine which ought to govern masons, in the following explicit language, to wit: 'Whatever may be the faults of a mason, they will not justify a brother in publicly proclaiming them, and in denouncing the culprit, until he has been brought to trial and proven guilty.' With masons, 'to traduce' means not only to 'willfully misrepresent and defame,' but, in its broader, higher, and primal sense, to 'represent as blamable, or condemn.' The lips of a mason should be sealed as to the errors of a brother, so far as the outside world is concerned. Only in the lodge, or in the sacred privacy of a personal interview, should such faults be plainly set forth, and reform demanded. The plea of justification is not allowed on a masonic trial for slander."

Charters were granted for three new lodges and dispensations recommended for three others, while two applications were refused.

Anent the library the following was adopted :

"The Special Committee appointed by the Grand Lodge at its last annual communication to superintend the expenditure of the appropriation made at that meeting for the support of the Masonic Library and Reading Room, beg leave to report :

"That said Association has been successfully carried on for the last year. It has been of great benefit, especially to those brethren from a distance who have visited the city. The rooms have been visited by upwards of seven hundred during the year. The archives and library of the Grand Lodge have been properly cared for, and are of easy access. The risk of loss by fire has been materially reduced.

"We have felt fully justified in the expenditure of the appropriation, and recommend that as much, or more, if the Grand Lodge will so agree, be appropriated for the ensuing year.

"Our visiting brethren from other States are unanimous in heartily commending this enterprise, the like of which they find in no other jurisdiction."

"We are requested by the Board of Directors to say that they have been able, with the aid of the Grand Lodge, to meet all their expenses for the last year. They also request us to extend to the members of the Grand Lodge a cordial invi-

ation to make themselves at home in the library room during their stay in the ity, and at any other time they may be here."

The following is submitted for information :

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Master should not preside at, or issue dispensations for laying corner-stones with masonic ceremonies of buildings which are not of a masonic, sacred, or public character, or to be devoted to masonic, religious, educational, or public purposes, the latter being intended to refer alone to buildings erected for the use of national, state, county, or municipal organizations. Buildings erected for private enterprises, although somewhat public in character, such as hotels, stores, factories, railroad structures, banking-houses, etc., should not be included."

The degree of Master Mason was conferred in presence of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Lecturer assisting.

The representatives of other Grand Lodges were received with all the formalities.

Three charters were forfeited and four surrendered. Among the latter was one named after one of the most beloved Past Grand Masters of the State, to which we refer simply to warn living brethren against allowing their names to be used in such connection. Sooner or later the name will be changed, either by the dissolution of the lodge or the will of its members, and thus the original honor—if any—will be effaced.

Bro. WILBUR F. FOSTER presented the report on correspondence, and, as this appears to be his maiden effort, we feel it a duty as well as a sincere pleasure to offer our congratulations upon his excellent work. New York, for 1883, has very kind notice. Very generally the conclusions of this committee are approved, and where there is a difference we rest in hope that, after more mature consideration, he will get his boat over to our side of the stream.

M. W. BENJ. R. HARRIS is Grand Master ; R. W. Bro. JOHN DRIZZELL continues Grand Secretary.

Texas.

Forty-ninth Annual Communication in the city of Houston, December 9, 1884. Present : M. W. Wm. H. NICHOLS, Grand Master ; R. W. GEORGE H. BRINGHURST, Grand Secretary ; the representatives of one hundred and fifty-two lodges.

The annual address is a lengthy contribution to the literature of the day, and demonstrates that the interests of Freemasonry in Texas have received most earnest attention and fraternal consideration from the executive. The details are purely local and much too minute to enable us to follow them, but we can confidently assure the Grand Master and the brethren that, in our long experience, we call to mind no one who has more faithfully discharged his official duties.

The reports of the associate Grand officers are full and most praiseworthy.

A lodge of sorrow was held, at which R. W. Bro. H. B. STODDARD delivered the oration.

The Grand Lodge of South Australia was recognized.

The committee on correspondence presented through its chairman, Bro. J. K. P. GILLASPIE, a fraternal report, in which New York, for 1884, has courteous notice.

An endless amount of local business was transacted in great harmony.

M. W. BENJ. A. BORTS is Grand Master ; R. W. Bro. BRINGHURST continues.

Utah.

FOURTEENTH Annual Communication, in the city of Salt Lake, January 20, 1885. Present: M. W. JAMES LOWE, Grand Master; R. W. CHRISTOPHER DIEHL, Grand Secretary; the representatives of eight subordinates.

The annual address is not lengthy, but it is good, and makes practical suggestions for the benefit of the craft in Utah.

The Grand Master says that "The fraternity have been spared from calamities, and that the angel of death has but lightly touched them; no questions as to law have been presented, except the minor details of by-laws."

He objects, very properly, to the Grand Treasurer paying drafts on the order of the Chairman of the Library Committee, holding, as we do, that no orders on the Treasurer can be paid without the signature of the Grand Master.

Every lodge in the jurisdiction except one had been officially visited, and in all peace and harmony were found to prevail.

The Grand Master favors the holding of biennial meetings only, which we judge would be a wise thing to do.

His views of the late Papal encyclical are in accord with the general view.

The Grand Secretary presents a full and carefully prepared report of the transactions of his office.

As Grand Librarian the affairs of that institution receive elaborate consideration, and his recommendations are practical, and, we trust, will receive the attention due to their source.

Thanks were voted to Bro. FRANK A. KIRTLAND for valuable services rendered in procuring a banner for the Grand Lodge of Utah.

The Grand Lodge voted favorably upon the proposition to hold biennial meetings, subject to confirmation next year.

The legislation was local in character.

Bro. CHRISTOPHER DIEHL presented his eleventh annual report on correspondence, in which New York, for 1884, has fraternal notice.

Compliments are paid to Grand Master J. EDWARD SIMMONS, to the Grand Librarian, and of this committee says this:

"The report of the committee on correspondence is signed by Bros. JOHN W. SIMONS, JESSE B. ANTHONY and M. PINNER, but we all know that it was written by the chairman, M. W. Bro. JOHN W. SIMONS. The document fills 124 pages, and reviews the proceedings of fifty American and seventeen foreign Grand Lodges. Bro. SIMONS is a masonic scholar, and goes down deep to original sources; in every one of his reports plenty of important matter can be found that hitherto has been overlooked. The present report is again a thorough masterpiece, and it condenses within reasonable compass all the facts of consequence in masonic history, usage, and law which the masonic student is likely to make inquiry for. But what makes the report still more valuable is that its author never satisfies himself with following other authorities, with repeating their errors and reaffirming their theories. He sifts for himself, and having arrived at a conclusion stands up for and maintains it. There are many good masonic writers in this country, but there is but one Uncle JOHN SIMONS."

Many thanks.

M. W. PARLEY L. WILLIAMS is Grand Master; Grand Secretary still on deck.

Vermont.

NINETY-SECOND Annual Communication at Burlington, June 12, 1884. Present: M. W. OZRO MEAGHAM, Grand Master; R. W. WM. H. ROOT, Grand Secretary; a large representation of the constituent lodges.

The annual address is a decidedly practical lecture upon the duties of our brotherhood, and we make no excuse for liberally quoting from it.

After fraternally remembering the dead who passed away during the year, the Grand Master announces the issue of a dispensation to form a new lodge.

We quote the reported

"DECISIONS.

"1. No member present can be excused from balloting on petition of a candidate.

"If any of the members present fail to ballot upon the application of a candidate, and the W. M., being ignorant of the fact, declares the result of the ballot, no objection being made at the time, the vote would be valid.

"2. Color or nationality of a candidate should be no objection, provided he is in every other way eligible and desirable.

"3. A brother suspended for a definite period can petition for restoration before the termination of the period specified in the sentence; and a vote of two-thirds of the members present at a regular meeting, duly notified, of the pendency of such petition, would restore him to his former standing.

"4. The lodge having opened at the hour named in the by-laws, with the W. M. in the chair, the business transacted at that communication was lawful; and the lodge is bound by its action, notwithstanding the custom had been to open the lodge at a later hour. It is the duty of all the officers of a lodge to be present promptly at the hour named in the by-laws of the lodge for opening. No special notice is necessary for a regular communication.

"Reports of committees on petitions of candidates should always be made in writing.

"A vote on a petition would not be invalidated if the report was not in writing; nor, if the petition was not in the lodge-room at the time the ballot was had.

"When a lodge votes to give its consent for another lodge to *pass and raise* a candidate upon whom it has conferred the entered apprentice degree (the candidate having removed to the jurisdiction of the latter lodge), it renounces all claim to the candidate, and the fees for passing and raising belong to the lodge conferring those degrees; he would become a member of that lodge by signing its by-laws."

The last decision is not clear, because mere consent to allow the conferring of the degrees is not in itself a waiver of jurisdiction, but only an accommodation to the candidate, who may simply desire to receive the degrees, but not to change his allegiance, which, in the nature of things, ought to be left to his own election.

The following is particularly to our mind:

"While other societies have been organized and are making special efforts to increase their membership by inviting, persuading and holding out every inducement in their power to that end, the venerable institution of masonry has kept the even tenor of her way, adhering strictly to the ancient landmarks, accepting only those who come of their own free-will, uninfluenced by friends or any mercenary motive, relying simply on their faith in the good works shown by the institution in every remote corner of the globe. We include among our members the peer and the peasant, the rich and the poor, all meeting upon the level, and striving, each brother emulous to do good in the world and thereby bring credit and good repute on the name of our beloved order.

"And in this connection, I would say that where the social relations of members of the fraternity are especially taken into consideration, there the institution is most successful and the lodges are the most flourishing. I would recommend that every lodge within this jurisdiction take especial pains, during the coming year, to hold social gatherings as often as once a month, and thus

endeavor to create a new interest among those brethren who have become careless and do not attend the regular meetings of the lodge as they should do. The order of exercises at these gatherings should be to the end that we may become better, and more attached to the principles of masonry.

"Let the brethren take turns in preparing addresses to be delivered before the members of the lodge, and let the citizens be invited to listen; thus may many be induced to join the order of their own accord, who otherwise might ever remain in ignorance of the objects and the aims of masonry. In this way, many a pleasant and profitable evening may be passed."

A brother who had been sixty years a mason, was received, fraternally addressed, and enthusiastically saluted, and resolutions of sympathy were ordered to be sent to another aged brother expecting to pass to the hither shore.

Past Grand Master L. C. BUTLER, M. D., submitted the report on correspondence, in which New York has kindly notice.

We are sorry to add, as seems to be our duty, that at a special communication of the Grand Lodge, Past Grand Secretary, HENRY CLARK, was, after due trial, declared expelled for defalcation and negligence of his official duties.

Grand Master and Grand Secretary re-elected.

Virginia.

ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH Annual Communication in the city of Richmond, December 8, 1884. Present: M. W. FRANCIS H. HILL, Grand Master; R. W. WILLIAM B. ISAACS, Grand Secretary; a very large representation of Past Grand Officers, Past Masters, and Lodges by their Officers.

In his annual address, after the usual exordium, the Grand Master gives assurance of continued harmony and prosperity.

The fraternal dead receive affectionate notice. Among them we find M. W. HENRY W. MURRAY, elected Grand Master last year, but who was suddenly stricken down while in the active discharge of his self-imposed duty of visiting the several districts of the State. A very touching eulogy was presented by M. W. BEVERLY R. WELFORD, Jr., Past Grand Master.

W. Bro. JAMES A. SCOTT, who was one of our most esteemed friends, and one of the brethren most beloved by the membership of Virginia, passed away during the year. We can never hear his name without recalling his genial and gracious memory, nor without wishing that, in the wisdom of the Infinite, he might have been longer spared to cheer and encourage the brethren by his beautiful life.

And finally some affectionate and appreciated remarks in memory of our CHARLES S. ARTHUR, representative of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, near New York.

So much of the work of M. W. Bro. MURRAY before his death is reported, among which we find the following decisions:

"First.—What is the status, as an officer and as a member in his lodge, of a Senior Warden who has on trial been found guilty on a charge of unmasonic conduct, voted to be reprimanded, and an appeal is taken before the execution of the verdict?

"Answer.—(1) He cannot fill or discharge any of the duties of his office dur-

ing the pendency of the appeal. (2) As no masonic disability pertains to a verdict of *reprimand*, he is not thereby deprived of any of the rights of membership.

"Second.—Can a rejected applicant for advancement be permitted to sit in the lodge in which he was rejected, to witness the initiation of a candidate in the entered apprentice degree?"

"Answer.—Yes.

"Third.—A brother is charged with gross unmasonic conduct. The specification is: 'Speaking evil of a brother master mason.' The brother spoken of is dead. Should the testimony of the accused be received by the committee appointed to try him?"

"Answer.—If the accused and accuser were both living, both could testify; but as the party of whom evil is alleged to have been spoken is dead, the accused cannot be admitted as a witness in his own behalf. However (adds Brother MURRAY), this is a new and very important question, and one that ought to be settled by the Grand Lodge."

We entirely agree.

Referring to his own administration, Bro. HILL reports the following :

"DECISIONS.

"On the 4th day of March, 1876, a gentleman residing in Charlottesville, Va., filed his petition with Widows' Son Lodge, No 60, offering himself as a candidate for the mysteries of masonry, and was duly elected. He failed, however, to present himself for initiation within the time prescribed by law, and the fee paid by him was forfeited to the lodge. On the first day of September, 1884, more than eight years thereafter, another petition was by him presented to and received by Charlottesville Lodge, No. 55, a lodge in the town of Charlottesville having concurrent jurisdiction with Lodge No. 60.

"First.—Has Charlottesville Lodge, No. 55, the right to receive and act upon said petition?"

"Answer.—It had.

"Second.—Is it necessary for Wardens of a lodge, under dispensation, to take the Past Master's degree? If not, are they entitled to receive the Past Master's degree while Wardens, under dispensation?"

"Answer.—Paragraph 1, of Section 8, Chapter 7, of Methodical Digest, says: 'None but Master Masons can be Wardens of a lodge, and must receive the degree of Past Master before entering upon the duties of that office.' While this paragraph, taken in connection with the whole section, was intended to apply to chartered lodges, yet I see no reason why the same rule should not, in the absence of any law or regulation to the contrary, apply with equal force to Wardens, under dispensation. And I so held.

"There is another matter in connection with the conferring of the Past Master's degree, in regard to which I think there ought to be some uniform and established rule. I do not know what the practice is in every part of this Grand Jurisdiction, but so far as I know, it is the practice for three or more Past Masters to meet, open a Lodge of Past Masters, confer the degree, and close the lodge. There the matter ends. There is no record to show that the degree has been conferred. I think that the Past Master presiding when the degree is conferred should be required to certify the fact that the degree has been conferred to the lodge of which the candidate is a member, and the certificate should be spread upon the minutes of the lodge at its next stated communication thereafter."

The answer to No. 2 of the above quotation, while it is evidently in accord with the Virginia law, presents a novelty we never expected to meet, namely, that a Warden who may never be a Master, is still required to take the degree of Past Master.

It is to be wished that this apparent anomaly might be explained for the benefit of the craft.

On the second day an exemplification of the three lectures was had in presence

of the Grand Lodge. At a subsequent period of the session, the full work in the first and third degrees was presented.

The report on correspondence is not signed, but we presume it to have been prepared by Bro. WM. F. DRINKARD.

New York for 1884 has careful notice.

We are asked the following :

"No. 13 presents an interesting question which, under the New York regulations, presents no difficulty, but which elsewhere is construed differently. As we understand it, the regulation exacting a twelve-months' residence before petition is simply to avoid trespass on other jurisdictions, one year being required under the civil and masonic law to obtain a legal residence; but where the lodge having original jurisdiction waives it, then we fail to perceive how there can be any ground for complaint, or why the lodge to which the waiver is granted may not lawfully initiate or advance the candidate."

This paragraph is quoted from our last year's report, and in response Bro. DRINKARD says :

"In Virginia, the Grand Lodge has provided that a candidate for initiation must have resided in the State for twelve months, not to avoid 'trespass upon other jurisdictions,' seeing that the moment a profane removes from one State to another that moment the jurisdiction changes, but in order that the brethren may have sufficient acquaintance with his character to vote understandingly upon his petition. As to entered apprentices or fellow crafts desiring to advance, we endorse Brother SIMON's remark; and the Virginia custom (or law) is as he thinks it ought to be. Does Brother SIMONS really hold that New York has jurisdiction for twelve months, or even twelve days, over profanes who have removed from that jurisdiction? We suspect that he does not."

We most certainly do not; but only this, that where a party having a legal residence in New York removes his domicile to Virginia, he must live there one year to acquire a legal residence; but if the New York lodge choose to waive jurisdiction, at least such jurisdiction as it had up to the time of removal there, then Virginia need not wait any longer than its wants to; but as to following a profane for twelve hours, we do not believe in it.

M. W. FRANCIS H. HILL is Grand Master; R. W. WM. B. ISAACS continues Grand Secretary.

Washington Territory.

Twenty-seventh Annual Communication in the city of Spokane Falls, June 4, 1884. Present: M. W. LEVI ANKENY, Grand Master; R. W. THOMAS M. REED, Grand Secretary; the representatives of thirty-six chartered lodges. New York was present in the person of M. W. ELWOOD EVANS, of whom we have a very pleasant recollection.

After opening in ample form, the R. W. Bro. LOUIS ZIEGLER tendered an address of welcome, to which response was made by R. W. Bro. WILLIAM HENRY WHITE.

We have seldom read any efforts more eloquent and appropriate than these two addresses.

We note here the growing custom of exchanging telegraphic salutations between Grand Lodges simultaneously in session, as was done on this occasion between New York, Iowa and Washington.

In opening his annual address the Grand Master observes :

"The past year has been one of unusual prosperity to the craft, peace and harmony prevail throughout this jurisdiction."

The occurrences of the year were few in number, and only of interest to the actual membership.

Two dispensations to establish new lodges had been issued.

A practical but eloquent address was delivered by the Grand Orator, R. W. JAMES E. EDMISTON.

M. W. Bro. G. O. HALLER, Grand Lecturer, also delivered a carefully prepared address, much too lengthy for quotation and greatly too good to be mutilated.

A resolution was adopted limiting the commissions of representatives near other Grand Lodges to four years.

The business transacted contains many items, but we find nothing to interest our readers.

Grand Secretary REED, under the head of correspondence, presents another of his excellent and thoughtful papers.

New York, for 1883, has very kind notice ; but we call his attention to the fact that, putting this State down as one that does not admit Past Grand Treasurers and Past Grand Secretaries to permanent membership is a mistake, but natural enough from the fact that we are short-handed in that direction, having only a Past Grand Treasurer, and he ranks and votes as a Past Grand Master. It is well enough known however to be right.

M. W. WILLIAM HENRY WHITE is Grand Master ; Grand Secretary as usual.

West Virginia.

TWENTIETH Annual Communication in the city of Wheeling, November 11, 1884. Present : M. W. WILLIAM G. BENNETT, Grand Master ; R. W. ODELL S. LONG, Grand Secretary, with a due representation of lodges.

The annual address, though not lengthy, is a clearly written document, and presents the facts to be considered tersely and cogently.

The year about to be reviewed had been uneventful.

A number of foundation stones had been laid.

We copy the decisions in order to point out how the same questions are differently treated in the various jurisdictions :

"1. That there must be three Master Masons at least, one being competent to preside, and a Tyler to open a Master Mason's Lodge and transact business.

"2. That it is not necessary to install officers who have been re-elected and who were installed under first election.

"3. That the vote upon the question of suspending a brother for non-payment of dues must be by secret ballot.

"4. That a vote in any other manner does not render the action of the lodge absolutely void, but that it is an irregularity, making the action of the lodge voidable upon an appeal.

"5. That it is irregular and improper to confer any portion of the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason upon more than one candidate at a time.

"6. That since an officer of a lodge cannot resign or dimit, therefore he cannot sign a petition for a dispensation for a new lodge, the effect of which, if the dispensation is granted, being to *quasi* dimit him, and to absolutely dimit him if a charter is granted.

"7. A Master Mason dimitted by a vote of the lodge, but to whom the dimit has not been delivered, can be tried upon charges perferred for unmasonic conduct occurring before the dimit was granted; and the fact that the brother preferring the charges was present at the time the dimit was granted, and then had knowledge of the alleged unmasonic conduct, does not prevent the lodge from receiving the charges and acting upon them.

"8. That a Junior Warden of a lodge wishing to remove into another State cannot dimit.

"9. That depositions of witnesses taken without due notice of the time and place of the taking thereof having first been given to the accused, cannot be read upon a masonic trial, even though one of the witnesses has since died and the other refuses to again testify.

"11. That in the absence of any regulation to the contrary, the Master of a lodge appoints the Senior Deacon and Tyler, and the Senior Warden appoints the Junior Deacon.

"12. That it is improper for a Master of a lodge to allow the lodge to act upon a resolution inviting masons suspended for the non-payment of dues to a return to membership.

"13. That it is unusual, but not improper or unmasonic, to hold regular communications of a lodge in the day time.

"14. That it is not the duty of a secretary of a lodge, nor has he the right, to furnish a dimit to a Master Mason in good standing and clear of the books, upon his application and without waiting the action of the lodge in the matter.

"15. That an entered apprentice who allows one year or more to elapse before taking the fellow craft degree and who moves out of the State, must petition his lodge in the manner prescribed by the general laws and regulations, and that upon such petition there must be a clear ballot before the consent of the lodge can be given to a lodge in another jurisdiction to confer the fellow craft degree upon him.

"16. The lapse of time does not bar the right of a dimitted mason to petition a subordinate lodge for membership, nor does it prevent such subordinate lodge from receiving and acting upon the petition of such dimitted mason."

Concerning which we remark:

No. 1. Three Master Masons may open a ceremonial lodge, but not one for the transaction of business.

No. 2. We hold that every re-election implies a re-installation, one being just as necessary as the other, and both ending at the conclusion of the first term.

No. 3. is a local regulation; in New York we do not suspend for the cause named.

No. 4 is also local.

No. 5. We entirely agree with the spirit, but practice most generally, overrules it.

No. 6. In the New York practice any officer, except the Master and Wardens, may resign, and consequently dimit.

No. 7. We hold that the granting a dimit takes effect instantly, and is without recall whether a certificate be granted or not. It is further held that a lodge may try any unaffiliated mason within its jurisdiction.

No. 8. is correct, because if he cannot resign he cannot dimit.

No. 9. is particularly correct, on the ground that a suitor cannot profit by his own neglect.

No. 11. Our regulations are to the contrary, but on general principles we hold that, while the Master may consult his associates, the ultimate power of appointment rests in him.

No. 15. We are allowed to give consent by a majority vote.

The report of the Relief Committee shows receipts of nearly three thousand dollars, and disbursements to about the same amount.

The business transacted was uneventful, and admits of no comment.

The session closed in harmony, and its remembrances were made more cheerful by a parting banquet.

No report on correspondence.

M. W. GEO. E. THORNBURG, is Grand Master ; Grand Secretary LONG continues.

Wisconsin.

FORTIETH Annual Communication at Milwaukee, June 10, 1884. Present: M. W. LEWIS E. REED, Grand Master ; R. W. JOHN W. LAFLIN, Grand Secretary. A very large representation from the subordinates.

A detailed review of the strictly business affairs of the Grand Lodge is the annual message of the Grand Master.

He commences with an affectionate tribute to the memory of the late M. W. Bro. CHARLES F. G. COLLINS, who had received all the honors the brethren of Wisconsin had it in their power to bestow.

The general status shows the brethren of the jurisdiction to be conducting the affairs of their lodges in peace, harmony, and prosperity, with a large increase of membership.

Four dispensations for new lodges had been granted.

The third degree was conferred by Kilburn Lodge, No. 3, in presence of a large number of representatives and brethren.

The reports of the several associate Grand officers are full and satisfactory.

The report on correspondence by M. W. Bro. EMMONS E. CHAPIN, is one of the best, and the compliment paid it by the Grand Lodge well deserved. He not only considers the immediate work of the several masonic governments, but goes back two years to fill up any gaps that might have been left by the sudden stoppage of the report some two years since.

New York for 1882, 1883, has full and generous consideration, and the reports of this committee are treated with great and appreciated approval.

At the last end, and the printer demanding copy with kindly yet imperative looks, we turn away from his glance and, yielding to the inevitable, we turn over this effort to the engineer of the force that governs civilization.

M. W. OLIVER LIBBEY is Grand Master ; Grand Secretary LAFLIN continued.

Wyoming.

NINTH Annual Communication in the town of Evanston, October 9, 1883. Present: M. W. JOHN K. JEFFREY, Grand Master ; R. W. JOHN H. SYMONS, Grand Secretary, and a due representation of lodges.

The annual address is not lengthy, but as harmony and prosperity had prevailed, all that was necessary appears to have been said.

One dispensation for a new lodge had been granted, but the announcement of that fact is accompanied by the recommendation that it be continued for another year, owing to the short time of its existence.

The report of the Grand Secretary is very full, and gives the business of the Grand Lodge in ample detail.

A careful examination of the proceedings reveals nothing requiring attention except to parties interested.

Bro. WM. J. MCINTYRE presented the report on correspondence. It is really admirable, and we regret that he should fall into the mistake—as many others do—of apologizing for its defects. Keep on brother, if you do as well in the future you will soon be entitled to a front seat.

New York for 1883 is noticed at length.

Grand Master and Grand Secretary re-elected.

DOMINION OF CANADA.

British Columbia.

THIRTEENTH Annual Communication in the City of Nanaimo, June 21, 1884. Present: M. W. EDGAR C. BAKER, Grand Master; R. W. ALEXANDER R. MILNE, Grand Secretary, with the representatives of a majority of the lodges in the jurisdiction.

The annual message, occupying some twenty-five pages, is a very thorough review of the business of the year.

We find, however, that it principally concerns the brethren to whom it is addressed.

We note that during the session III. Bro. ALBERT PIKE made a visit, delivered a lecture, and was received with all the honors due his exalted rank.

We find nothing in the proceedings to excite notice, except the recognition of irregular so-called Grand Lodges in Australia, which subject will be found treated more at length in our special report.

Grand Officers the same.

Canada.

TWENTY-NINTH Annual Communication in the City of Toronto, July 9, 1884. Present: M. W. DANIEL SPRY, Grand Master; R. W. JOHN J. MASON, Grand Secretary, and a large representation from the subordinates.

The annual message of the Grand Master is an elaborate paper, and shows the affairs of the Province to have been faithfully administered with a resulting degree of prosperity.

THE SPURIOUS GRAND LODGE OF ONTARIO.

The Grand Master says:

“Numerous applications have been made to me to be healed by persons who have become members of lodges on the registry of the so-called Grand Lodge of Ontario, under the impression that they were being initiated into masonry. I

declined all such applications, and pointed out to the parties that they were not members of the masonic fraternity and could not be recognized by any competent masonic authority, and while regretting that they had been misled and defrauded of their money, under a mistake on their part, or owing to willful misrepresentations on the part of their proposers, the only course open to them if they desire to become masons in this Province is to make application by petition to one of the regularly warranted lodges on the register of the Grand Lodge, and if the ballot should prove favorable they could then be initiated into masonry. Several have followed the advice given them, and in one locality all the members of one of these illegal bodies made application individually to a proper lodge, and have been balloted for, accepted and initiated.

"Persons who are not freemasons, and who desire to become members of the fraternity, should be careful to ascertain that they are really applying to a masonic lodge, because there are two bodies in this Province calling themselves the M. W. Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Ontario, that are not recognized as such by legitimate masons. One of these is composed of respectable colored men, and has or had its G. East in Windsor, and of which GEORGE REEVES is or was Grand Master.

"I am considerably surprised at the views expressed by some of our American masonic writers, who appear to think that there would be no difficulty in understanding this question if we changed the name of our Grand Lodge to that of the Grand Lodge of Ontario. I do not agree with them, and cannot see the necessity for doing so, particularly as it is quite well known that since the Confederation of the Provinces we have, and only claim to have, jurisdiction over the Province of Ontario. Perhaps it would be well to add as a sub-title to the name of the Grand Lodge, so as to make matters perfectly clear, the words 'having jurisdiction over the Province of Ontario.'"

Having been the first to make the suggestion of the sub-title, we now take the liberty of emphasizing it as a matter due to the American Grand Lodges, that they may be no longer annoyed by this bogus Ontario affair. We all desire to uphold the Grand Lodge of Canada in its rights and jurisdiction, but it should so far assist as to make its "title clear" that none may be deceived by the illegitimate organization.

We find that the recommendation of the Grand Master as to the additional title was approved by the Board of General Purposes and adopted by Grand Lodge, but it does not appear in the published transactions. It would be a great favor to the rest of us if it were done.

The report of the District Deputies are decidedly interesting, and give a clear idea of the state of the craft under their official supervision.

One warrant was granted, two dispensations continued, and one new one granted.

The charities of this Grand Lodge are beyond compare.

It was decided that a person having lost an eye was fit to be initiated, in which we fully concur.

It was decided that no spirituous or fermented liquors should be placed on the table at lodge banquets.

No report on correspondence.

M. W. HUGH MURRAY is Grand Master; R. W. JOHN J. MASON continues Grand Secretary.

New Brunswick.

SEVENTEENTH Annual Communication in the City of St. John, April 22, 1884.
Present: M. W. WM. F. BUNTING, Grand Master; R. W. EDWIN J. WETMORE, Grand Secretary, with a due representation of lodges.

Although this pamphlet has less than one hundred pages, and is mainly taken

up with the address of the Grand Master and the report of the Committee thereon, we are free to confess it one of the most interesting in the series under review.

Referring to the act of the Grand Orient of France in eliminating the name of God from its Constitution, the Grand Master recommends a special devotion at each annual communication, and pays fraternal tribute to the memory of the dead in his own and other jurisdictions.

He holds that by initiation an entered apprentice becomes a member of the lodge and has a right to all of its privileges, and that no business transacted is legal unless the entered apprentices present are allowed to participate, in behalf of which he cites the following :

"In order that I might be fortified in the stand I have taken, I addressed letters to the Grand Secretaries of England, Ireland, Scotland, and Canada, requesting them to favor me with the laws and customs regulating membership in their several jurisdictions. I have their replies, which they very kindly and very readily forwarded to me.

"V. W. Bro. S. H. CLERKE, Grand Secretary of England, says :—'Entered apprentices are full members of our lodges. They can be present and take part in elections, votes, and all business of the lodge generally, which, for that purpose, is always done in the first degree. We always open our private lodges on the first degree and therein read the minutes and do clerical business.'

"W. Bro. S. B. OLDHAM, Deputy Grand Secretary of Ireland, replied—'It is the rule that all subordinate lodges open on the first degree, and if there is business to be done, in either the F. C. or M. M. degree, the lodge should be 'passed' or 'called up,' but should be again 'called down.' All the ordinary business of the lodge—reading minutes, proposals and ballot for members, and the installation of officers, is done in the first degree.'

"V. W. Bro. JOHN J. MASON, Grand Secretary of Canada, states that entered apprentices are admitted to membership in their lodges; they are entitled to be present and take part in the business transactions; and that lodges, at regular communications, are opened on the E. A. degree, the minutes put for confirmation and the general business transacted in an E. A. lodge.

"The Grand Secretary of Scotland did not favor me with a reply, which, I have no doubt, arose from a long and severe attack of illness with which he recently suffered. I am therefore ignorant of the law and usage there.

"Entered apprentices in the olden time were entitled to and exercised all the privileges of membership. Their being debarred from such privileges in some jurisdictions, is the result of modern legislation, and is an inroad upon what may be considered a landmark."

We very respectfully call attention to this, not as a reason for changing our own practice, but to show that our laws do not prevail elsewhere.

The application of the Grand Lodge of Victoria for recognition is not approved, in which we most heartily join.

The Grand Lodge adopted an amendment to the Constitution, which requires a brother to have received the third degree before he can become a member of his lodge.

M. W. JOHN V. ELLIS is Grand Master; Grand Secretary continues.

Quebec.

FOURTEENTH Annual Communication at Sherbrooke, January 31, 1884. Present : M. W. Bro. E. R. JOHNSON, Grand Master; R. W. JOHN H. ISAACSON, Grand Secretary, with representatives from a majority of the lodges.

The annual address is largely devoted to the differences between England and Quebec. Necessarily we sympathize with the latter, and while, of course we

admit that a lodge having been duly chartered by competent authority is not obliged to change its allegiance at the bidding of any one, still we think that when a preponderating majority wish to have an independent government, the minority should submit and assist in making the Grand Lodge so constituted void of opposition and commanding the loyal obedience of all bodies within the limits of its jurisdiction. And further, we insist that even when the minority will not adhere to the Grand Lodge in authority, accepting the rejected material of the regular lodges is an outrage that cannot be allowed to pass without protest, which we now make.

The report of the Grand Secretary, though not lengthy, is decidedly interesting. His enthusiasm in behalf of a Grand Lodge Library had not met with the anticipated response, but we trust that he will keep on; no great work is accomplished in a moment, and so great a work as the formation of a library, is worthy the talent and devotion of Bro. ISAACSON.

The reports of the District Deputies show a general state of prosperity and harmony in which we all delight.

No report on correspondence.

Grand Officers re-elected.

Manitoba.

TENTH Annual Communication in the City of Winnipeg, February 11, 1885. Present: M. W. JOHN H. BELL, Grand Master; R. W. WILLIAM G. SCOTT, Grand Secretary, with a due representation of lodges.

In opening his address the Grand Master offers his congratulations to the brethren upon the continued peace, harmony, and prosperity that prevail throughout the jurisdiction.

Three new lodges had been created by dispensation.

No decisions had been required.

The Grand Lodge of Scotland gave notice of its recognition and requested an interchange of representatives, which was, of course, effected.

A very careful review of masonry, not only in his own Province, but throughout the jurisdiction, concludes this excellent address.

The reports of the District Deputies and accounting officers are extremely good.

Telegrams were exchanged between Manitoba, Mississippi, and Louisiana.

The business transacted was local.

No report on correspondence.

M. W. CHRISTOPHER F. FORREST is Grand Master; Grand Secretary continues.

Nova Scotia.

NINETEENTH Annual Communication at Halifax, June 4, 1884. Present: M. W. Bro. J. WIMBURN LAURIE, Grand Master; R. W. BENJAMIN CURREN, Grand Secretary, and the representatives of sixty-two lodges.

Having the honor of a personal acquaintance with M. W. Bro. LAURIE, we have read his annual address as we would a letter from a dear friend or relative.

Speaking of a visit to Massachusetts, he says this :

"I was also present, by invitation, at the celebration of the Centenary of King Solomon's Lodge at Charlestown, Mass. The founders of this lodge had been prominent in the events of the Revolutionary War and also in the erection of the Bunker Hill Monument, to both of which, very naturally, frequent allusion was made during the celebration, so much so that, when I was called upon to speak, I could not avoid touching on the same topic, and had to remind my hearers that I was not the first British soldier that had visited the men of Charlestown ; and from my personal experience I could well understand the warmth of the reception those who had preceded me had met with ; but I trusted that, in the future, men of the same blood and language would meet on terms of 1883, and not of 1776."

As an English soldier and gentleman, could he have said anything more beautiful ?

Speaking of the Pope's encyclical he says this, to which we invite attention, as the utterance of a true gentleman and a real soldier :

"The first principle of freemasonry requires the recognition of a Supreme Being ; but its scope is not limited by the bounds of any one form of religious belief ; it aims at extending throughout the whole human family the principles of morality. Brotherly love, relief and truth are the practices it inculcates ; obedience to the civil authority, and a positive prohibition of plots and conspiracies against the State are enforced by its rules,—to deal justly with all, to recognize that all have equal rights, but that a man's honest earnings, whether of position or wealth, are gifts of the Supreme Being, and thus by God's as well as man's law, should be secured to him ; this is the socialism of true equality we preach, and endeavor to practice.

"Our little Province has not many points on which it can boast itself as taking a lead, but it is able to advert to its action as the pioneer in the removal of religious disabilities ; and we own an honest pride in the knowledge that men of different denominations can here live side by side, without permitting their sectarian differences which they honestly recognize, to cause even a ripple to pass over the surface of their social or political life. Few communities can say as much. I well remember the late Archbishop CONNOLLY, in an address delivered by him at Picton, pointing out that we had ninety-nine subjects on which our sentiments were in accord, and surely it was not worth while always to be harping on the hundredth on which we happen to differ ! Our lamented friend had never passed within the portals of a masonic lodge ; but in that proposition he gave expression to the truest masonic principles ; and I claim him in this as an exponent of what we desire to inculcate, and thereby enable us as a people to practice in the Province what we, as a craft, desire to see universally adopted throughout the world.

"In a recent address delivered by Cardinal MANNING, R. C. Archbishop of Westminster, in London, he is reported to have said : 'If any one thing had given to the Catholic Church in the last fifty years the power of rising again above the opposition and prejudice of this country, it was the manifestation of the undeniable charity of their priests, of their nuns nursing in hospitals and in the houses of the poor, in those pestilential dwellings where our poor were poisoned and extinguished, and of the generosity and self-denial of the laity.'

"Are not these very statements and arguments applicable to the status of masonry ? More than £42,000 are subscribed yearly in England by masonic lodges towards the maintenance of aged freemasons and their destitute children ! Enormous sums were raised, almost in a moment, in the Northern States, when the news of the yellow fever epidemic in Memphis and other stricken districts reached the men of the North, and personal service, just such as that spoken of by Cardinal MANNING, was as freely rendered ; physicians abandoned lucrative practices, and, accompanied by volunteer nurses to attend the helpless sick, took their lives in their hands, in many cases never to return, and pressed down to fight the destroyer.

"It is most unfortunate that an ecclesiastic who is supposed to speak with such authority, should have been led to bring such charges against an organization which he can only know from ill-informed advisers.

"Like all other institutions of men, the component parts are fallible; but I feel justified in appealing to our past record, and to the principles by which we are guided, however imperfectly carried out, and to the certainty that, however individuals may err, the craft as a body will come out triumphantly from every attack; and if misrepresentation follow us, we will follow the advice of JOHN WESLEY, and live it down."

We respectfully render to the District Deputies our recognition of their fraternal and devoted service.

Bro. D. C. MOORE presented a rather brief, but still pleasant report on correspondence, in which New York for 1883 has pleasant notice.

Grand Master and Grand Secretary continued.

Prince Edward Island.

NINTH Annual Communication held in the City of Charlottetown, June 24, 1884. Present: M. W. JOHN YEO, Grand Master; R. W. Bro. G. W. WAKEFORD, Grand Secretary, with the representatives of seven subordinates.

The address of the Grand Master is exceedingly brief. He announces the appointment of R. W. PETER VERHOEVEN as their representative near New York, and one dispensation to form a new lodge.

One lodge surrendered its charter.

Grand Master YEO re-elected; R. W. Bro. B. WILSON HIGGS, Grand Secretary.

No report on correspondence, though a committee has been appointed for the coming year.

FOREIGN GRAND LODGES.

England.

We have received the reports of the quarterly communications for the year last past, but find nothing requiring notice but such matters as we shall refer to in our special report at the end of this.

H. R. H., the PRINCE OF WALES, remains Grand Master; the EARL OF CARMARVON, Pro. Grand Master; the EARL OF LATHOM, Deputy Grand Master, and Col. SHADWELL CLERKE, Grand Secretary.

Scotland.

THE news from this jurisdiction shows a very encouraging state of affairs. The late Grand Master having decided to retire an election was had for his successor, resulting in the election of Bro. SIR ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL, who said:

"Bro. SIR ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL, who was received with prolonged applause, said: 'Brethren, it is with no ordinary feelings that I rise to acknowledge the

very kind manner in which my name has been mentioned to the Grand Lodge, and this motion has been passed. I thank Bros. CRICHTON and CALDWELL for the words of kindness in which they have spoken of me. All I can say is this, that it is now many years since I first entered the Grand Lodge, and I can safely say that not a year has passed that I have not been in it two or three times; but I must say I never anticipated the high honor you have done me, and I can assure you, as you have done me so great an honor, all the energies I possess will be given to promote the interests of Grand Lodge and keep up the harmony of the craft, and do my duty in that position in which you have placed me. Brethren, as you are aware a few years ago, Grand Lodge gave the Grand Master elect power to nominate his depute and substitute, I have to intimate that the EARL OF HADDINGTON has kindly consented to act as my depute, and the EARL OF KINTORE as my substitute.'

"Bro. MAJOR CHROMBIE then moved the adoption of the following resolution: 'That the members of the Grand Lodge of Scotland desire to express and to place on record their high appreciation of the faithful, zealous, and efficient manner in which the EARL OF MAR and KELLIE has discharged the duties of Grand Master during the last three years; their cordial and heartfelt thanks for the great interest his lordship has taken in Grand Lodge affairs, more particularly in visiting so many of the provinces, and the valuable services he has rendered the craft, not only during the term of his Grand Mastership, but for many years previously; and their assurance that his lordship leaves the masonic throne carrying with him the profound respect and deep affection and gratitude of every Scottish freemason.' In speaking to the motion, the acting substitute Grand Master said: 'Brethren, we are all aware of the exemplary attendance LORD MAR and KELLIE has given at the annual and quarterly communications of Grand Lodge during the three years he has held the office of Grand Master. We can understand that he must have taken a great deal of trouble in posting himself up in all the business coming before these meetings. We know and appreciate the able and business-like, and at the same time kind and courteous, manner in which he has conducted the business of Grand Lodge—kindness and courtesy which seem to have inspired both master and brethren alike, for we must all feel that for some considerable time past a most brotherly and truly masonic spirit has characterized our meetings and proceedings. Grand Lodge was handed over LORD MAR in a prosperous and flourishing condition, and under his rule that prosperity has not only been maintained, but very considerably increased. We are also aware that our Grand Master has not confined himself to the mere performance of his duties in Grand Lodge, but that, finding Grand Lodge and its business in a satisfactory state, his lordship has made a speciality of inquiring into the condition of freemasonry throughout Scotland, and with this view has visited a large number of the provinces. I speak from personal observation when I say that these visits have done much to further the interests of masonry; the encouragement and advice, and, when deserved, praise, given by his lordship, has stirred up the lodges in the provinces to great activity and zeal; and the knowledge that Grand Lodge is taking an interest in them has strengthened the tie that exists between the Grand Body and the daughter lodges; while I need hardly say that the Grand Master has won the esteem and warm affection of every member of the craft in the provinces visited. During LORD MAR's term of office a history of Grand Lodge and Scottish freemasonry has been commenced by one thoroughly qualified to do the subject ample justice—our esteemed Grand Secretary; measures are being taken to establish a uniform system of working; Grand Lodge laws have been thoroughly revised, and many important amendments and improvements made thereon; and an extended scheme of Scottish masonic benevolence has been inaugurated. Brethren, I am sure you will unanimously acknowledge that our very best and heartfelt thanks are due to our Grand Master for the many important and valuable services he has rendered to the craft, and that I utter no idle or unmeaning compliment, but the words of sober truth, when I say that amongst the many excellent and distinguished brethren who have filled the masonic throne, no one has left it with a higher character for work faithfully and efficiently performed, and no one has carried with him more of the profound respect and deep affection and gratitude of the Scottish craft, than the EARL OF MAR and KELLIE.

"Bro. J. DALRYMPLE DUNCAN said: 'As a representative of the craft in the West of Scotland, I have infinite satisfaction in seconding the motion which has been proposed by the acting Senior Grand Warden. It is almost impossible to speak in too high terms of the great services which have been rendered by LORD MAR to the cause of Scottish freemasonry. Coming to the masonic throne in succession to one of the most accomplished and popular craftsmen who ever occupied it, he

undertook no light task. His predecessor had done much to remedy the deplorable state of matters which had existed in Grand Lodge during the first few years of his term of office, and LORD MAR determined not only to carry on to completion the good work which had been so well begun, but, in addition, to signalize his occupancy of the Grand Mastership by investigating into and elevating the condition of the Provincial Grand Lodges. Now, I make bold to say, he could not have given his attention to anything more certain ultimately to result in the lasting good of the Scottish craft. Recognizing what important factors in our masonic system Provincial Grand Lodges are, and noting with sorrow the semioribund state into which too many of these bodies in Scotland had fallen, LORD MAR spared neither time nor trouble in his energetic efforts to carry out to a successful issue his self-imposed task. Almost every district of the country was visited by him, and it is unquestionable that these visits have resulted in great good to masonry. Life has been breathed into the dry bones of the Provincial Grand Lodges which were virtually dormant, and they are awakening to a sense of their duties and responsibilities; while those which were active have been spurred on to even greater efficiency. It will be long before the great and valuable services of LORD MAR will fade from the memories of the members of Grand Lodge. In him we were glad to recognize not only the head of an ancient and chivalrous house, but a craftsman animated by the greatest zeal and enthusiasm for the highest interests of genuine masonry. His regular attendance at the quarterly communications, and at no inconsiderable number of the meetings of Grand Committee, his sound common sense, his wise counsels, his masonic knowledge, will not be readily forgotten by those with whom the duties of his high office brought him in contact. And, brethren, he has already in some measure been rewarded for his arduous and devoted labors. He leaves the throne with the proud consciousness that Grand Lodge is now clear of the *incubus* of debt which has for so long a period weighed her to the very ground,—he leaves it with the knowledge that he has been enabled to inaugurate a scheme of benevolence of a grand and comprehensive character, which will go far to remove the slur and stigma which have hitherto rested on the Scottish craft—and, lastly, in the words of the motion, he leaves it “carrying with him the profound respect and the deep affection and gratitude of every Scottish freemason.”

“The resolution was carried amid applause, and the Grand Secretary was instructed to enter it in the records and forward a copy to the Grand Master.”

At the annual meeting December 1, 1884, the Grand Master elect and his officers were duly installed by the retiring Grand Master, after which the annual banquet was held, and a variety of pleasant speeches made.

Other matters purely local.

Ireland.

THE pamphlet sent us is almost entirely a matter of figures, nothing appearing except the fact of seven new warrants having been granted and one restored.

We have often made the remark, and we repeat it, that with all possible deference the Grand Lodge of Ireland is not such a patron of printer's ink as she ought to be.

Grand Lodge League of Germany.

No copy of the Protocol of the Grand Lodge League of Germany, held at Whitsuntide, 1884, at Berlin, has been received. We obtained the following from the proceedings of the several Grand Lodges in Germany, as reported by their representatives.

The twelfth session of the *Grand Lodge League of Germany*, for the year 1884,

was held in the rooms of the *Grand National Mother Lodge, Zu den drei Weltkugeln* (Three Globes) at Berlin, the Grand Master of said Grand Body, Bro. SCHAFER, presiding.

The proceedings were interesting on the discussion and decisions in reference to the *Victoria Institute*, named after the Crown Princess, and of which the report of our committee on foreign correspondence in 1884 had very accurate and rather detailed communications. The statutes and regulations—under a protest by the Grand Lodge of Saxony—were approved and adopted, and an executive committee, consisting of the Bros. GERHARD, LÖSCHE, COLLANI, GÖTTING and BRAND elected, with power to commence the activity of the Institute on November 21, 1884.

The Grand Lodge *Zur Eintracht*, at Darmstadt, and the Grand Lodge *Zur-Sonne*, at Bayreuth, offered a resolution to issue a declaration against the last Papal Encyclical, but it was resolved, after a very lively discussion, to pass to the order of the day.

The motion to admit the five isolated lodges in Germany to the meetings of the Grand Lodge League's Diet was withdrawn.

The Archives (proceedings, protocols, minutes of correspondence, with vouchers, etc.) of the German Grand Lodge League were, on motion, transferred and delivered to the Berlin Grand Lodges.

Finally a motion of the Grand Lodge, *zu den drei Weltkugeln*, to appoint a committee to frame and lay before the next Grand Lodge Diet a common legislation on Masonic jurisprudence and process, was unanimously adopted, and the Bros. BRABAND, BRAND, GANTZ, GERHARD and WIGARD, were appointed as members of that committee.

Grand Lodge "Zu den drei Weltkugeln," (Three Globes), at Berlin.

We received the Protocols of this Grand Body embracing the period from January to June, 1884, and its Calendar for 1884 to 1885, containing the names and titles of the Grand Lodge officers, the various standing committees, and all the subordinate lodges; also of the Grand Bodies interchanging representation with this Grand Lodge.

Grand Master, Bro. C. H. SCHAFER; Deputy Grand Master, Bro. FREDERICHs; Grand Secretary, Bro. OSWALD BRUCKNER. The members of the subordinate lodges are: one hundred and twenty-one (including five inactive lodges), with a membership of about 14,000 brethren.

The contents of the Protocols, from January to March, 1884, are in general of a local interest only. We find, however, very elaborate reports from the transactions of European and American Grand Lodges. The representative of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, Bro. MATZNER, reported at the 895th session of his Grand Lodge on the transactions of our Grand Lodge at the 102d yearly communication (5th to 7th of June, 1883) very accurately, giving extracts of the Grand Master's address, of the Grand Secretary's Report, and statistics of the members of subordinate lodges, etc., also the total number of brethren in the State of New York.

From the Protocols of May to June, 1884, inclusive, we have to mention that, at the 896th regular session, on May 8th, the demise of Bro. VON SCHWEINICHEN, Keeper of the Grand Archive, on the 5th of May, 1884, was reported, and that Bro. LUNDE had been appointed as his successor. The position is an important and salaried one, and the Grand Archive Keeper has his office in the large rooms of the Grand Lodge (Splittgerber Gasse, No. 3, S.); he acts as corresponding secretary and manager of the large real estate property of the Grand Lodge.

At the 897th regular session, on July 14th, 1885, the question of amending the constitution by striking out Sec. 165, No. 1, so that Jews can be admitted and initiated in the subordinate lodges, was again before this Grand Body. In the discussion of this matter the question was ventilated in its various shapes, and in a lively and, at times, rather sharp manner. One speaker declared that, out of the eight German Grand Lodges, only two—this Grand Lodge and the Grosse Landesloge of Germany, at Berlin—adhere to the idea that *Christians* only should be admitted into Freemasonry, but that two millions of brother masons don't approve this doctrine. The result of the ballot on the motion to strike out the above-mentioned section, gave sixty-two affirmative and sixty negative votes. As a two-third majority was not obtained, the motion was again lost.

The motion to strike out that section was several times before the legislative body of the Grand Lodge. We reported in former times on this strange and incomprehensible action, and renew our opinion that the views expressed on the occasion differ so essentially from what we are accustomed to understand as masonry, that it would be an idle and fruitless task to comment upon the same before American freemasons.

The framing of the resolution on this matter is as follows :

"Whoever wishes to be initiated as a freemason in the lodges under the jurisdiction of the National Grand Mother Lodge of the Three Globes, must confess the Christian faith and must have ended his 25th year."

The latter determination, about age, is in accordance with an old edict of the King of Prussia, dated October 20, 1798.

The yearly festival of St. John the Baptist was celebrated on the 24th of June, 1884, with appropriate musical and rhetorical exercises, in the fine and large apartments in the Masonic Temple of the Grand Lodge.

As appendix to the Protocols of May to June, 1884, are elaborate reports on European Grand Lodge proceedings, and on the transactions of the Grand Lodges of the State of Nebraska (from September 1882, up to April, 1883), and of the State of California, October, 1883.

Grand Lodge "Eclectic Union," at Frankfort-on-the-Main.

THE last year's report of this committee stated, in reference to the proceedings of the Frankfort Grand Lodge, that the numbers up to No. 108 only, of the proceedings of that Grand Body had been received. It is now our duty to declare and mention that a lot of the Frankfort Grand Lodge proceedings, viz.: the numbers following No. 108 to 118 inclusive, have been lost on the way (in the mail bags), so that the New York Post-office could only deliver the empty wrappers. After a communication of this unlucky circumstance, duplicates have been mailed from Frankfort at once; but they arrived too late to be considered in the last

report of the committee on foreign correspondence. Presently the contents of these proceedings are rather antiquated, and it is not thought necessary to submit them for consideration of the next communication of the Grand Lodge. They will, however, be filed for future reference.

We begin therefore our report on the Protocols comprising the period from April to December, 1884, numbers 119 to 126.

The first regular (quarterly) session of May 23, 1884, was opened by the Grand Master, Bro. WEISMANN, in due form, and mainly devoted to giving instructions to the representatives at the Grand Lodge near the German Grand Lodge League's Diet, to be held this year. Several local matters were also decided, and reports from German Grand Lodges proceedings received.

The yearly festival of St. John the Baptist was celebrated on the 22d of June, 1884. The Grand Master, Bro. WEISMANN, addressed the meeting, and the Grand Orator, Bro. VALENTIN, delivered an interesting and elaborate oration on the day. At the same meeting the Past Grand Master, Bro. VON DER HEYDEN (who acted as proxy of the sick Grand Master), reported on the meeting of the last Grand Lodge League's Diet, held at Berlin, on Whitsuntide, and the Deputy Grand Master, Bro. AUERBACH, communicated the declaration of the Grand Lodge of England in reference to the papal edict against freemasonry, published in the *Morning Post* of June 5, 1884, which was transmitted from London by Bro. WENDT.

In the regular (quarterly) session of August 29, 1884, matters of local importance only were acted upon, and at the emergent meeting, on November 6, 1884, the Grand Master, Bro. WEISMANN, sent in his resignation as Grand Master before his term expired, giving as reason his age (he is seventy-seven years old), and the poor condition of his health. The Grand Lodge accepted the resignation with sincere and impressive thanks for his true devotion to masonry, and especially to this Grand Lodge. A resolution was adopted that the election of a new Grand Master had to take place at the next quarterly (regular) communication on December 12, 1884.

At this quarterly session the yearly reports of all* the subordinate lodges were received, and the reports from several representatives of other Grand Lodges were laid before the Grand Lodge, especially the report of our representative near the Frankfort Grand Lodge, Bro. EBELING, on the proceedings of the 103d annual communication of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, commencing June 3, 1884.

Bro. ALEXANDER KNOBLAUCH, M. D., was unanimously elected Grand Master for the years 1884 to 1886, and Bro. WEISMANN agreed to hold over the office until the installation of the newly elected Grand Master, which is to take place at the regular session in February, 1885.

The statistics show that this Grand Body has fourteen subordinate lodges, with 2,234 active, and 104 honorary members. The subordinate lodges have twenty-nine benevolent institutions.

Grand Lodge of Saxony.

We are in receipt of the printed transactions of this Grand Lodge, viz.: No. 142 (dated May 17, 1884), and No. 143 (dated October 21, 1884), also of a pamphlet containing the description of a Lodge of Sorrow, held September 7, 1884, in memory of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. FRIEDRICH ALBERT WENGLER, deceased July 1, 1884.

At the session of the 17th of May, 1884, opened by the Dep. Grand Master, Bro. ERDMANN—the Grand Master, Bro. WENGLER, being sick—matters of not much general interest were transacted, and the representatives of the Grand Lodge of Saxony, near the German Grand Lodge Diet, Bros. WIGARD and MEISEL, were elected. Several reports from the transactions of German Grand Lodges were received, and, among others, very detailed reports of the transactions of the Alpina Grand Lodge of Switzerland, in 1883, the transactions of the Supreme Council of Belgium and the Grand Orient of the Netherlands, both in 1883, were laid before the Grand Lodge.

As above-mentioned, Grand Master, Bro. WENGLER, died July 1, 1884. It is the second time the Grand Lodge of Saxony has to mourn the loss of its Grand Master during his term of office. In 1872, Bro. WARNATZ, the creator of the German Grand Lodge League, previous to the day of the first meeting of the German Grand Lodge League, died suddenly at Berlin, and his death was a serious loss to German freemasonry. Now the brothers of the jurisdiction of Saxony have to mourn the loss by death of Grand Master, Bro. WENGLER, of whom they can say:

The self-sacrificing devotion with which the deceased represented the interest of the fraternity in the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Saxony during the four years of his administration, and the comprehensive activity manifested by him in every direction, his strict masonic sense of justice, always tempered with loving-kindness and true fraternal consideration, are the exalted traits that make his death doubly painful to us.

The Grand Lodge of Saxony, through the executive officers, communicated by letter to the Grand Master of the State of New York, the death of Bro. Grand Master WENGLER, and Grand Master Bro. Wm. A. BRODIE acknowledged its receipt in his letter dated Genesee, July 27, 1884, as will be seen in the address of our Grand Master laid before the New York Grand Lodge at its 104th annual communication, June, 1885, and conveyed to the Grand Lodge of Saxony the heartfelt and sincere sympathy of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York in their bereavement.

The Lodge of Sorrow, in memory of Bro. WENGLER, was opened September 7, 1884, in the presence of all the representatives of the subordinate lodges and the representatives of the Grand Bodies interchanging representation, in ample and solemn form, with prayer by the Dep. Grand Master, Bro. ERDMANN, assisted by the Brother KRELL (as substitute), and KRENKEL, as Grand Wardens. A cantata, words by Bro. CARL GARTNER II., and music by Bro. THEODOR BERTHOLD, executed by eminent talents of the fraternity and the royal opera, opened the exercises. Then the orator of the day, Bro. WALTER, Senior Grand Warden, delivered the eulogy. The oration was well received and made a great and merited impression on all present brethren. We learn also from the remarks in Bro. WALTER's oration, that Bro. WENGLER was in his profane life and profession a prominent member of the Supreme Court of Saxony, and a scholar in jurisprudence of a high character.

After a short address by the presiding Deputy Grand Master, the Lodge of Sorrow was concluded with other musical performances, solos and chorus. A great number of brethren from the city of Dresden, from the Grand Lodge of Saxony, and other German Grand Lodge jurisdictions participated.

In the session of October 21, 1884, the presiding Dep. Grand Master, Bro. ERDMANN, recalled the memory of the deceased Grand Master, and referred to the

impressive ceremonies of the Lodge of Sorrow, held in September last. New representatives of subordinate lodges, and the representatives of the Grand Orient at Greece, Bro. URBACH, were installed. The receipt of transactions of German and foreign Grand Bodies were reported. The protest of the Grand Lodge of Saxony, at the last Grand Lodge Diet, in reference to the Victoria Institute, mentioned elsewhere, were inserted verbatim in the minutes.

A very interesting part of the regular quarterly session (Protocol No. 143), were the reports of the representatives on the proceedings of the Grand Lodge Royal York at Berlin, of the Grand Orient of the Netherlands, and of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York by our representative, Bro. GRAHL.

The report of Bro. GRAHL must be interesting to us before all, inasmuch as this brother gives us very accurate details of the transactions of 1884. After giving extracts from the Grand Master's address and the Grand Secretary's report and the statistics, Bro. GRAHL mentioned the Grand officers newly-elected, the several motions adopted, and the discussions on all matters before the Grand Lodge.

From private information in our possession, we learn that, in the following regular session, the following brothers were elected :

Bro. ERDMANN, M. D., Grand Master, in place of the deceased Bro. WENGLER ; Bro. WALTER, Deputy Grand Master ; Bro. KENKEL, Senior Grand Warden ; Bro. DIETRICH, Junior Grand Warden. The other Grand officers hold over.

The new Grand Master, Bro. ERDMANN, is the son of the renowned Professor of Chemistry at the University of Leipzig, who died October 9, 1869, during his term of Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Saxony.

Just before going to press we received Protocol No. 144, of the Grand Lodge of Saxony, dated January 20, 1885, and we avail ourselves of the opportunity to add the following to the foregoing report :

During this session on January 20, 1885, two newly-elected Grand officers have been installed, current matters were transacted, and a report from the proceedings of the St. John Grand Lodge of Hungary laid before the Grand Lodge.

A remarkable item is found in this Protocol, No. 144. The subordinate lodge, Apollo, at Leipzig, with a membership of 388 active brethren, communicated to the Grand Lodge that, in accordance with an unanimous resolution, Bro. J. G. FINDEL, owner and editor of the masonic periodical, *Bauhütte*, had been excluded from the participating in the meetings and the visiting of the lodge, because he grossly insulted the Lodge Apollo, in No. 5, his paper, and refused to make an apology or give satisfactory explanations. Bro. FINDEL, living in Leipzig, is a member of a lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge *zur Sonne*, at Bayreuth.

An appendix to the Protocol, No. 144, gives very detailed statistics of, or on the subordinate lodges. The membership of the twenty subordinate lodges, being, at the beginning of the masonic year, 1883 to 1884, 3,665 members—increased at the end of 1884 to 3,692 members, not counting 436 honorary members and 225 permanently visiting brethren. Seventy-three benevolent institutions are divided among the twenty subordinate lodges.

Grand Lodge "Royal York zur Freundschaft," Berlin.

Two Protocols received from this Grand Body comprise the period from December, 1883, to May 1884, and we find therein that the usual routine business had been transacted and reports from subordinate lodges were received. The three Berlin Grand Lodges transmitted congratulations to the CROWN PRINCE FREDERICK WILHELM on his birthday, October 18th, and the CROWN PRINCE answered under date of November 4, 1883, with very kind and appropriate words.

By letter dated September 3, 1883, PRINCE ARTHUR, DUKE OF CONNAUGHT, returned his thanks for the nomination as representative of the Royal York Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of England, and communicated that he was installed on the same day as such representative by order of his father, the PRINCE OF WALES.

Grand Master, Bro. HERRIG, installed September 10, 1883, a subordinate lodge at Schlettstadt in Alsace; "Zur Elssässischen Bruderkette" (Alsatian Brother Chain), and many brethren from other Alsatian lodges at Metz, Mühlhausen, and Strassburg, all under the Royal York Grand Lodge jurisdiction, participated on the occasion.

The three Berlin Grand Lodges celebrated on March 22, 1884, the birthday of the Emperor, their Protector, in the hall of the "Grosse Landesloge of Germany" by a solemn festival lodge with oration and musical exercises.

We are also in receipt of two pamphlets in 8vo. of this Grand Lodge, with the title "Mittheilungen (communications) of the Grand Lodge Royal York zur Freundschaft at Berlin," for the years 1884 to 1885, Nos. 1 and 2, and it seems that this Grand Body will in future issue its printed transactions in this new form. The first number contains a report on the festival of St. John the Baptist, June 24, 1883, and the second number gives a report of the regular session on September 8, 1883, devoted mainly to internal matters.

The printed documents received do not contain any statistics.

Grand Master Bro. HERRIG, Deputy Grand Master Bro. SETTEGAST, Grand Secretary Bro. BOUCHE continue in office. The latter had the pleasure to celebrate on June 24, 1883, the twenty-fifth anniversary of his election as Grand Secretary and Grand Archive Keeper; he received on this occasion a great many congratulations, and also nominations as honorary member of subordinate lodges and other German masonic bodies.

Grand Lodge "Zur Eintracht," at Darmstadt.

PROTOCOLS Nos. 93 and 94 of this Grand Lodge (April and September, 1884), have been transmitted to us, with the list of members and officers of the Grand Lodge and the subordinate lodges for 1884 to 1886.

Matters of local interest only were before the Grand Lodge on April 20, 1884, and at the election of a new Grand Master, Bro. PFALTZ declined a re-election.

In his place Bro. PHILIP BRAND, President of the South German Bank, at Mayence, was elected Grand Master, and Bro. HERMANN WEBER, lawyer and attorney at Offenbach, Deputy Grand Master. The Grand Secretary, Bro. Dr. CARL RIES, at Bingen, was re-elected.

The main topic of the Grand Lodge session on September 21, 1884, at Bingen, was the report on the last Grand Lodge Diet, at Berlin, given by the Deputy Grand Master WEBER. A motion to give an adverse and refuting declaration against the Papal Encyclical in the minutes of this Grand Lodge meeting was adopted.

The statistics show a membership of eight hundred and fifty-five brethren among the eight subordinate lodges.

Miscellaneous.

THE official organ of the St. John Grand Lodge of Hungary for the three blue degrees, is the *Orient*, printed and published at Budapest. We have received of this publication the Nos. 2, 6, 7, 9, 10, (February to December, 1884).

In this we find that Grand Master Bro. FRANCIS PULSZKY had a controversy, originated from an article in the masonic periodical, *Die Bauhütte*, edited by Bro. FINDEL; but neither the controversy nor its topic has any interest for American freemasons. The St. John Grand Lodge of Hungary had, during the year 1883 to 1884, twenty-five (25) subordinate lodges, viz.: seven Austrian lodges (496 members), and eighteen Hungarian lodges (750 members), among the latter four lodges at Budapest. The subordinate lodges are very active, and their benevolent funds (about 41,000 florins) are well administered.

From our exchanges we learn that the masonic periodical, *Pythagoras*, published at Athens, under protection and sanction of the Grand Lodge of Greece, contains very interesting matters in relation to the activity of the fraternity in Greece, and gives interesting reports and leaders on freemasonry all over the world.

We have received no direct communications from the Grand Lodge Alpina, of Switzerland, but we noticed from our exchanges that, at its meeting in 1883, this Grand Lodge resolved that all further exchanges of representation with foreign Grand Bodies should be fraternally declined, with the understanding that, under the existing circumstances and the condition of the Alpina Grand Lodge, a mutual representation with far-off Grand Bodies would be of no benefit for either side. We find also that the lodge at Bâle—Amitié at Constance—celebrated its seventy-fifth anniversary of foundation.

No transactions of the past year of the *Grand Orient of the Netherlands* have reached us. We noticed, however, from our exchanges, that the lodges of this jurisdiction are very active, but that no matters of any general interest occurred. From the same sources we perceive that the lodges at Hoboken, N. J., and at New York city, chartered some time ago in violation of, and in infringement of

American Masonic Jurisdiction by the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, have surrendered their charters and ceased to exist. From a third party we hear that the lodge at Brooklyn, chartered also by the Hamburg Grand Lodge in bygone years, has removed its property, library, etc., to a place in the Bowery, New York city; said party did not know whether this Hamburg lodge in the Bowery is active and working.

A very singular, or rather strange matter, we read lately in the Paris newspapers. M. ANDRIEUX, Ex-Prefect of Police at Paris, received an official communication from the masonic lodge *Parfait Silence*, in which he was initiated, charging him with violation of his masonic oath not to divulge the secrets of masonry. M. ANDRIEUX had ridiculed the initiation and obligation according to the French Ritual, and his alleged revelations were published in *La Ligne*, M. ANDRIEUX's newspaper. The lodge's letter summoned him before an executive committee to defend himself; he, however, preferred to write a letter turning the subject again into ridicule, saying, among other things: "There is no reason why I should not also poke fun when you talk about your mysteries. I shall not reveal anything, but I await my punishment according to the laws and the obligation." This matter is regarded in France as an open defiance of the institution of freemasonry, and has caused a great sensation in the masonic lodges.

CORRESPONDENCE GRAND LODGE, NEW YORK, 1885.

I.—GRAND LODGES IN THE UNITED STATES.

Alabama.	Idaho Territory.	Michigan.	Rhode Island.
Arizona.	Illinois.	Minnesota.	South Carolina.
Arkansas.	Indiana.	Missouri.	Tennessee.
California.	Indian Territory.	Montana.	Texas.
Colorado.	Iowa.	Nebraska.	Utah.
Connecticut.	Kansas.	Nevada.	Vermont.
Dakota.	Kentucky.	New Hampshire.	Virginia.
Delaware.	Louisiana.	New Jersey.	Washington Ter.
Dist. of Columbia.	Maine.	Oregon.	West Virginia.
Florida.	Maryland.	Ohio.	Wisconsin.
Georgia.	Massachusetts.	Pennsylvania.	Wyoming.

II.—GRAND LODGES IN THE DOMINION OF CANADA.

British Columbia.	New Brunswick.	Manitoba.
Canada.	Quebec.	Nova Scotia.
	Prince Edward Island.	

III.—ALL OTHER GRAND LODGES.

England.	Eclectic Union.
Scotland.	Saxony.
Ireland.	Royal York.
Grand Lodge League.	Zur Eintracht.
Zu den drei Weltkugeln.	Miscellaneous.

SPECIAL REPORT.

THE resolutions recorded on page 105 of the proceedings of 1884, and referred to this Committee for report at this time have received all possible consideration, and the Committee respectfully reports that in its judgment a mere statement of the facts will place the matter in its true light, and leave this Grand Lodge free from any further claim to recognition.

The facts are as follows :

At the time of the foundation of this so-called Grand Lodge there were some seventy-five lodges holding under the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland. Out of these, thirteen called a meeting and proceeded to establish a Grand Lodge, having invited the others to participate in the deliberations ; the others not having done so, as in fact they were not obliged to do, it follows that the assumption of authority by the minority was and is simply an act of impertinence, and has no possible claim upon our recognition.

The mother Grand Lodges have paid no attention to this bogus arrangement, and it is not likely they will do.

Personally we believe that every State, Province, and Territory should have an independent Grand Lodge of its own ; but according to our way of thinking, at least a majority should concur in its establishment.

We therefore recommend that recognition be denied to the so-called Grand Lodge of New South Wales.

A precisely similar state of affairs exist in the Province of Victoria, where there is an organization claiming to be a Grand Lodge, but having no right to be recognized.

We trust that these matters may be laid aside until further advices.

Fraternally submitted,

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